



Office of Councilmember

Georgette Gómez District 9 Digest



October 2018 Edition

Honoring the Unsung Heroes of Our Communities



October 6 – Our office welcomed the Saunders family and Mountain View community members as we unveiled an honorary street sign for Theresa Mae “Mama T” Saunders at the corner of S. 40th St. and Ocean View Blvd.



Councilmember Gómez said, “Theresa Mae Saunders (Mama T) was a pillar of the Mountain View community. This honorary street name is one way we can commemorate her life of service to this community and to the City of San Diego.”



Nearly 100 residents turned out to honor the life and lasting-impact of the long-time resident and community member. Mama T was a key leader in the development of the Mountain View Park, and its Recreation Center. Ms. Saunders raised her six children in the neighborhood and volunteered at many community and church events, organized community barbeques, fed the homeless, and hosted garage sales for donations that would benefit those in need.



Southcrest Trails Cleanup Removes Over 2200 Lbs of Waste

Team D9 organized the I Love A Clean San Diego Annual Coastal Cleanup at Southcrest Trails Park on 9/15. Over 70 volunteers joined Councilmember Gómez and staff for a morning of trash collecting, removing over 2200 lbs of litter from the edges of the park and Chollas Creek. This was just the beginning of our efforts to improve the parks and Chollas Creek in the southern communities of D9.



Leading on the Affordable Housing Crisis

This fall, our office is charging ahead with a crucial piece of our Housing Action Plan, updating the City’s Inclusionary Housing Ordinance. Beginning in Sept., and continuing over the next months, we are bringing all the key voices of affordable housing development together to craft changes to the ordinance that will result in an increase in new affordable units.

On 9/29, Gov. Brown signed AB 2372, the CASA Housing Act, after its unanimous support from both the Assembly and Senate. The CASA Housing Act provides cities with a critical tool to address the affordable housing crisis by stimulating construction of new housing along our main transit corridors, making neighborhoods more walkable and livable.



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Uplifting the Community

In Sept., Councilmember Gómez marched for the environmental health of our communities alongside thousands of San Diegans in the Climate March.



She held joint office hours with Asm Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher to address issues that span the local and state levels.



At the Mid City CAN Resident Leadership Academy graduation ceremony, Councilmember Gómez shared how their advocacy will make a difference in their neighborhoods.



For Parking Day 2018, she supported local artisans at the El Cajon BIA supported Makers Market in the Talmadge neighborhood.

Friday Office Hours!

Weekly office hours every Friday from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the City Heights Rec Center, by the tennis courts. 4380 Landis St.
Drop on by, no appointment necessary!

Have You Checked Out Our Calendar?

Don't miss events happening in the District or around town. Check out our calendar at www.sandiego.gov/cd9/calendar. See you out in the community!

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District 9 Highlight: Juan Pablo Sánchez



Juan Pablo Sánchez is an immigrant entrepreneur born in Veracruz, Mexico and raised in San Diego. His parents started the famous Mexican restaurant, Super Cocina, at 3627 University Ave, and he joined in the family business. Super Cocina has been named Best Mexican Restaurant by San Diego Magazine and has won several awards for its delicious food.

After graduating from the University of California San Diego with a bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Economics, Juan Pablo decided to use his degree to connect the family business with non-profits, including the City Heights Coffee House and Business for Good. He believes in the importance of maintaining the essence and diversity of City Heights by supporting and increasing local businesses.

We are thankful for the work that Juan Pablo does to improve our community by celebrating cultural diversity and sharing delicious food.

Making Transit a Real Choice for All San Diegans

October 2 was Choose Transit Day in the City of San Diego with a proclamation at City Council. As Chair of the Metropolitan Transit System, Councilmember Gómez kicked off Free Fare Day on all buses and trolleys in San Diego County at the promotional press conference, which resulted in a 15% overall increase in ridership.



"Choosing transit is absolutely critical for this region as we all strive to meet our climate action goals. We need to do everything we can to change commuting habits and get people to try alternative modes of transportation."

To learn more about how you can reduce the impact of your commute visit www.sdmts.com or <http://www.icommutesd.com/>

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