



Council President Georgette Gómez

2018 Achievements and Highlights

Mission: To engage, empower, and advocate for our diverse communities

Vision: An equitable and welcoming community with a high quality of life where all are fairly represented and treated with dignity and respect.

Dear District Nine Residents,

In December, we welcomed new colleagues to the City Council, and I am honored to have been elected to lead as Council President.

While my role has expanded, I remain committed to you and the communities of District Nine.

This is an opportunity that places District Nine in a stronger position.

Under my leadership as Council President, we will work to create a government that is equitable, inclusive, transparent, and accountable. For far too long, many of our communities have been ignored when decisions are made. That has to stop. I am excited and ready to bring us together to develop an agenda that strengthens us all.

As Council President, I will develop a stronger relationship with my colleagues on the Council. I know many of my colleagues and I share values and priorities. I will work on releasing an agenda for 2019 in the coming weeks.

My door will always be open to you. My staff and I look forward to seeing you in the neighborhoods and at my weekly office hours in City Heights.

On Wednesday, January 23, please join me and community members for a celebration of the diversity of District 9 and the 2019 State of the District at the Fair @ 44, 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to Gloria Cruz Cardenas at GCardenas@sandiego.gov or call our office at (619) 533-6699. I hope to see you there!

The opportunity to serve as Council President is a great honor. Let's get to work.



Addressing the Affordable Housing and Homeless Crisis

To address the City's Housing and Homeless Crisis, I developed a Housing Action Plan.

Overall, we need to identify all available opportunities to improve housing affordability in the City and bring all stakeholders together to create a solution. My Housing Action Plan is a roadmap to:

- Stimulate development of new housing
- Preserve existing affordable housing
- Improve the overall quality of life in the City

This year, the following policies were passed to help address housing in our City:

<p>Prohibit Income-Based Housing Discrimination</p>		<p>Many San Diegans rely on Section 8 vouchers to afford their rent. However, some landlords refuse to rent to these families because they use Section 8, making it hard for families to find housing. This summer, the City Council passed my ordinance to prohibit this kind of discrimination. The ordinance goes into effect in August 2019.</p>
<p>Create Incentives for Affordable Housing Development Next to Transit</p>		<p>Introduced in my Housing Action Plan and authored at the state level by Assemblymember Todd Gloria, California's Sustainable and Affordable Housing Act (CASA Housing Act), was passed with unanimous support by both the California Assembly and Senate this Fall. The bill provides cities with a critical tool to address the affordable housing crisis by stimulating construction of new housing along our main transit corridors.</p>
<p>Identify Public Lands for Affordable Housing Development</p>		<p>The Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) passed Policy 18 to allow and prioritize the development of affordable housing at underutilized MTS parking lots at trolley stations.</p> <p>Three Mid-City properties owned by the City's Redevelopment successor agency were sold for mixed-use development that is proposed to include active ground floor uses and access to more affordable housing in D9.</p>
<p>Preserve Existing Affordable Housing</p>		<p>San Diego's affordable housing shortage cannot be solely addressed by building new units, we must also ensure that existing affordable homes remain affordable. Fulling the a goal of the Housing Action Plan, the San Diego Housing Commission has hired a Housing Preservation Coordinator to run a program to preserve existing affordable housing.</p>
<p>Identify Better Ways to Encourage Market-Rate Developers to Build Affordable Housing</p>		<p>This past Fall, my office convened a diverse set of stakeholders and commissioned a study to identify ways to revise the City's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance and encourage the development of more affordable housing when market-rate housing is being built. Ordinance will be updated in early 2019.</p>
<p>Reduce Fees for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) aka Companion Units</p>		<p>In the City, the majority of residential land is dedicated to single-family housing. Many homeowners would like to build an additional accessory unit on their property. My office, in partnership with Councilmember Scott Sherman, was successful in streamlining the development process and significantly reducing fees for companion units.</p>

Making Policies and Programs Do More

One of my goals is to break down silos at the City and make sure that the policies adopted address multiple issues at the same time. For example, this year, I made sure that policies for protecting the environment also provide better wages for workers and that our public transit system supports affordable housing, the success of our youth, and the City's Climate Action Plan.

Environment/Climate

Reducing Emissions by Going Electric at MTS

This summer, the Metropolitan Transit System approved a pilot program and purchased the first electric buses in the region. The program will come to San Diego streets in the summer of 2019.

Reviewing All Options to Make Public Transit A Real Mobility Choice

San Diego's regional planning agency, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) is preparing to study the emissions reductions impacts of different transit plans for the future. I worked with my colleagues to make sure that a proposed Mid-City Trolley line remained an option to be studied. I also strongly advocated for a real transit option to the airport.

Reducing Emissions by Building Affordable Housing at Trolley Stops

The Metropolitan Transit System passed my policy to prioritize the development of affordable housing in underutilized parking lots at trolley stations.

Making Sure that the People Processing the City's Recycling Can Make Ends Meet

The renewal of the City's contract for sorting and processing our recycling now includes paying workers a living wage.

Securing the City's Water Future by Hiring Skilled and Trained Workers

As the City invests in the Pure Water San Diego program, skilled and trained workers will be hired at a family-sustaining wage. The Pure Water San Diego Program will provide one-third of San Diego's water supply locally by 2035 and reduce our reliance on imported water.



Transit/Transportation

Ensuring Opportunity for the Next Generation

The Metropolitan Transit System Board approved my proposal to reduce the cost of youth transit passes so that the next generation can more easily get to school, sports/programs, and work while reducing vehicle emissions.



Jobs/Economy

Supporting Parks and Community Spaces

This year, District Nine residents have more access to parks and community spaces. Here are some of them:



City Heights became one of the first communities to benefit under the City's new placemaking ordinance with the opening of the 50th Street Gathering Space along University Avenue.



A plan has been created to maintain Chollas Creek, beginning in the Southcrest Trails portion of the Creek and moving inland to address quality of life issues, and then a restoration of Chollas Creek for the enjoyment of residents.



This Fall, the City Council approved the funding for the construction (\$1.2 million) and maintenance (\$41,000/year) of a joint-use park at Harriet Tubman Charter School in the College Area.

Stronger, More Beautiful Neighborhoods

This year my office coordinated 19 cleanups in District 9 communities, where residents threw out mattresses, couches, and other bulky items and joined with volunteers to pick up litter throughout communities.

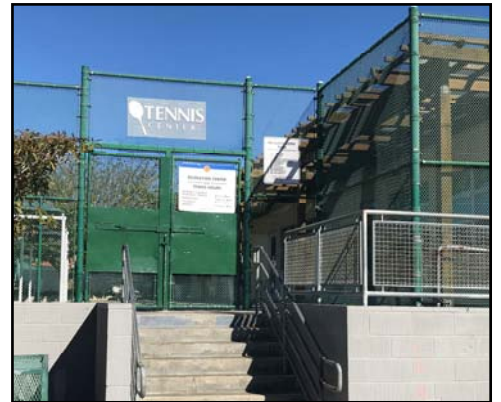
In the City's budget this year, I proposed and the Council approved the addition of four Code Compliance Officers in the Environment Services Department to address illegal dumping and other issues.



Office Hours

Schedule an appointment or drop-in at my community office hours. Email Brenda Lugo at BLugo@sandiego.gov or call (619) 236-6699 to schedule an appointment.

When: Fridays, 2:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
Where: City Heights Recreation Center
(Tennis Court Entrance)
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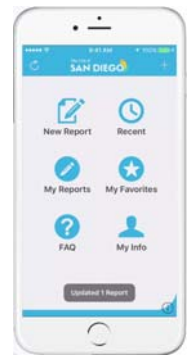
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