



Office of Council President

Georgette Gómez

UPDATE
Oct 6, 2020, Pg. 1

Need Help Finding Resources? The County's 2-1-1 System can help, in many languages. Call 211 on your phone or visit <https://211sandiego.org/>
For City of San Diego COVID-19 updates, visit: <https://www.sandiego.gov/coronavirus>

Dear San Diego Residents,

As we head into the autumn, I want to thank you for continuing to take care of each other. This update has information on:

- Recent Council actions that respond to the COVID-19 crisis and prepare the City for an equitable recovery when that time comes.
- City services updates including working to provide free internet access to those who need it.
- Recognizing some District Nine residents and groups who have been helping their neighbors.

UPDATES: RECENT COUNCIL VOTES

• **Recall and Retention**

On September 8th, the City Council voted 7-2 to protect workers in some of the City's hardest hit industries by requiring large hotel or commercial property employers to take steps to rehire or retain employees when they reopen after pandemic-related closure or company ownership changes.

"The City of San Diego must do all it can to help residents withstand the economic and health impacts of this pandemic. These actions close a huge gap in federal sick-leave policy and ensure that some of our most vulnerable workers don't permanently lose their jobs in the midst of these terrible economic conditions. I want to thank Councilmember Chris Ward for his leadership in protecting our workers."

• **Establishing an Office of Race and Equity**

When the Council passed the current-year budget in June, it included funds to staff a new Office of Race and Equity with three full-time employees. This office will provide education and technical support to City staff, local law enforcement, and elected officials in order to recognize and eliminate systemic racism and other barriers to fair and just distribution of resources, access, and opportunity in San Diego. Last week, the Council voted to officially create the office.

• **CARES Act Revolving Loan Fund**

In July, the City learned that it had been selected by the federal government to receive nearly \$1.8 million from the CARES Act to create a new revolving loan fund to help local businesses retain or create jobs amid COVID-19 through investments in equipment, business systems, websites, marketing, store layouts to facilitate safer in-store or online browsing, ordering, and pick-up or delivery.

Stay informed about what's coming to City Council and Council Committees by following "[The People's Business](#)" or the [City Clerk website](#).

UPDATES: DIGITAL EQUITY

- In May, I requested funding to provide resources to help close the digital divide in our underserved communities and in June, the City Council approved \$500,000. The first steps are to provide free wi-fi at several City facilities within communities and other resources are being explored. In District Nine:
 - Last Saturday, 12 libraries across the City were [reopened for in-person services](#) including computers and wi-fi but with access limited to 25% capacity and with public health guidelines. The **College-Rolando library** is the first library in District Nine to be opened for in-person services.
 - The **City Heights library** wi-fi signal is available outside of the building at all times and an outdoor digital patio is being created where residents can use City laptops during library opening hours. The furniture and laptops will be sanitized between uses and the furniture will be distanced per public health orders.
 - The **Azalea Park and Mountain View Recreation Centers**, and the **Southcrest Teen Center Building** have wifi signals that extend beyond the wall of the buildings on to the sidewalks and into the parking lots. Residents with their own computing devices can access the wifi signal all hours for free.

UPDATES: CITY SERVICES

- Mayor Faulconer announced that enforcement of all parking regulations will resume starting Thursday, Oct. 1. The enforcement will begin with a two-week grace period with citations issued beginning Thursday, Oct. 15. For more information, visit the City's Service Update webpage, <https://www.sandiego.gov/status>.

UPDATES: MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

- **DEADLINE EXTENDED:** Have you completed your **Census** questionnaire? October 31st is the last day to fill it out. Make sure you are counted and help build strong communities. Respond online at <https://2020census.gov/> or by phone at 844-330-2020.
- Tuesday, November 3 is **election day**. Find information about voter registration, polling locations, ballot drop-off locations, and how the state of California is making sure that everyone can "Vote Safer San Diego" by visiting the San Diego County Registrar of Voters website: <https://www.sdvote.com/>.



UPDATES: FREE FLU SHOTS

Champions for Health is [offering free flu shots](#) across San Diego. October dates in District Nine:

- Sunday, 10/11, 7:30 - 11:30 a.m. at Northgate Market, 5413 University Avenue, San Diego, CA 92105
- Wednesday, 10/21, 12:00 - 4:30 p.m. at Northgate Market, 1410 S. 43rd Street, San Diego, 92113



Need Help Finding Resources? The County's 2-1-1 System can help, in many languages. Call 211 on your phone or visit <https://211sandiego.org/>
For City of San Diego COVID-19 updates, visit: <https://www.sandiego.gov/coronavirus>

INCREASING AND BEAUTIFYING COMMUNITY SPACES

Last September, I joined San Diego Unified Board members and staff for the groundbreaking of the **Tubman Village Charter School Joint-Use Field**. In August, the field opened to residents to use from dawn to dusk whenever not in use for school activities. View my [grand opening welcome video](#).

In August, District Nine residents gathered to celebrate the approval of the **Teralta Neighborhood Park mural** project and get ready for painting. When complete the mural will celebrate the "Unity in the Community" and depict the history and diversity of the area. Can't wait to see it!



THANK YOU TO DISTRICT NINE FOR TAKING CARE OF EACH OTHER

Restaurants: Doing it Differently

- Ponce's Mexican Restaurant and Super Cocina helped launch the [Great Plates program](#) in San Diego County. The program provides hot meals older adults, as well as adults of all ages with health conditions or disabilities, who meet eligibility criteria and helps keep employees working.
- Little Saigon restaurants are serving outdoors, providing a night market experience. Read the [KPBS article](#) and then go eat.
- The College Area Business District has teamed up with Corbin of Corbin's Q BBQ and Brew House to produce a YouTube series, '[Corbin on the Street](#)' highlighting a variety of the area businesses.



Cleanups: Neighbors Beautifying the Community

- Thank you to our wonderful residents who build community while keeping their neighborhoods beautiful:
 - The [Kensington Litter Pickers](#) and the [Talmadge Litter Pickers](#) who meet the first Sunday of every month.
 - The City Heights Superheroes who meet every other week and were profiled by the [San Diego Union Tribune](#).
 - The residents of the El Cajon Boulevard East End who meet every Wednesday, 8:30-9:45 at 5005 El Cajon Boulevard.
 - Señora Esperanza who leads her neighbors in regular cleanups of City Heights.
 - College Area residents who helped coordinate a physically-distant community cleanup with Team Gómez.



Food Distributions: Nourishing Our Communities

- San Diego Hip Hop 5k, Nu Life His Way, and the San Diego Loyal have been providing meals every week in the southern District Nine communities.
- The El Cajon BIA has been helping coordinate food distributions at the Fair@44 (4350 El Cajon Boulevard). During citrus season, they helped host a Citrus Swap where neighbors with extra backyard fruit could drop it off and community members could pick some up for their families.

In Solidarity,



Your District 9 Community Representatives:

Gloria Cruz

(619) 236-6681

GCardenas@saniego.gov

Mount Hope, Mountain View, Southcrest,

Jasmine Mallen

(619) 236-7042

JMallen@saniego.gov

Azalea Park, Castle, Cherokee Point, Fairmount Village, Swan Canyon, Mountain View, Ridgeview, Bayridge, Fairmount Park

Sanna Loando

(619) 533-4774

SLoando@saniego.gov

Alvarado Estates, College Area, College View Estates, Kensington, Talmadge

Christopher "Stopher" Vallejo

619-236-6725

CVallejo@saniego.gov

El Cerrito, Rolando Village, Colina Park, Corridor, Teralta - East & West, Chollas Creek, Fox Canyon, Islenair

Contact Us:

(619) 236-6699

georgettegomez@saniego.gov

Stay Connected:



www.sandiego.gov/cd9



@GGomezD9



facebook.com/sdcmgomez