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Council District 9 News



Hello Lydia,

Welcome Back! We have a new year ahead of us and I'm excited for another year of working with YOU to make District 9 and the City of San Diego a world-class city for all. As the past year has shown, it will take time, care, and collaboration to move our WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT?

I am honored to have earned the bipartisan trust of my Council colleagues to serve as Council President of the San Diego City Council this year. So what exactly are the roles and responsibilities of the Council President? Some of the duties include: collective vision forward. That process starts with ensuring you are part of the decisions made and the solutions developed.

We recognize that a transparent and accessible government doesn't just happen, but requires hard work. That work starts with building trust. In my new role as Council President and, of course, as your representative for Council District 9, I'm committed to continuing to build that trust with you. There are several opportunities, many of which we highlight in this newsletter, for you to share your honest feedback with me about things happening at City Hall.

I invite you to join me at a City Council meeting, community forum, or budget presentation as we work together to create a brighter future for all San Diegans. Thank you for your commitment to our district and our city. I can't wait to see you at one of our upcoming events soon!

With gratitude,

Sean

 Chair meetings of the Council

- Select committee chairs and vice chairs with approval by Council majority.
- Manage docketing process.
- Coordinate closed session dockets with the Mayor and City Attorney.
- Call special meetings
  of the Council

To learn more about the role of Council President and City Council:

www.sdd9.info/sdccode

Welcome to the Team!



Haley Lesser | Pronouns: (she/her) Director of Legislative Affairs

We are glad to have Haley as part of the team as the Director of Legislative Affairs where they'll lead, direct, and manage docketing for City Council. In her spare time, Haley enjoys rock climbing, camping, bike riding, drinking tea, playing board games, and spending time with their dog (Shy) and cat (Furrocious).

"This year, I am particularly excited to work with Council President Elo-Rivera to tackle some of the ways we can make Council



Chris Chan | Pronouns: (he/him) Director of Council Communications

Chris joins the team as our Director of Council Communications where he'll focus on amplifying the Council's goals, priorities and accomplishments as well as keeping our San Diego community informed about what's happening at City Hall. In Chris' spare time, he loves being an active parent in his kids sports and music activities. His hobbies include playing piano, guitar and singing. meetings more accessible to the public, processes more efficient and effective, and help provide an atmosphere where the San Diego City Councilmembers can work together to improve the City for all its residents." - Haley "I love working at the City because every day I have a chance to improve the lives of San Diego residents. My goal is to give people the information they need to make the best choices for themselves and their families." - Chris

#### **Community Forum:** Independent Budget Analyst Director Search

City Council will be starting the search process for the next Director of the Office of the Independent Budget Analyst (IBA). The IBA provides budgetary and policy analysis for the City Council and assists Council in conducting budgetary inquiries and making of budgetary decisions.

A week from today (*Wednesday, Jan 19*), Council will be hosting their first virtual community forum for the next Director of the IBA.

Learn more about the IBA and offer your own thoughts on this critical role by rsvping today!



# Participating in Council Meetings





As a City, our greatest treasure is our people. By breaking down the walls of City Hall, we will empower the public to be a partner in decision making. Throughout this newsletter we highlight numerous ways you can engage in numerous things happening at City Hall.

With City Council returning from legislative recess this week, one way to start engaging is by participating in weekly City Council meetings. Here's how you can join us for our next meeting:

- Watch on CityTV: www.sdd9.info/citytv
- Join the Zoom Webinar: www.sdd9.info/zoom
- Join by Phone: Dial 1-669-254 5252 and when prompted, input Webinar ID: 161 486 3189#

Find Additional Information, like Council agenda, from the Office of the City Clerk: **www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk** 

## 2022 Legislative Calendar

The City Clerk is committed to continuous improvement, and they recently announced an updated and user-friendly Legislative Calendar. The calendar can be found on the City Clerk website and at the following link: **www.sdd9.info/legcal** 

This calendar will now have the following enhancements:

- Each meeting date and time on the calendar will be a hyperlink to the agendas webpage, which contains details related to the meeting and public participation.
- The current month will be displayed as the landing page when the link is accessed;
- The calendar will continue to be updated in real time to include adjournments and the calling of special meetings.



#### How is the City Investing in Communities?

The City Council are preparing for the next budget cycle. Take a look at what's coming up in the next few months and how **YOU** can provide input along the way! Dates highlighted in red indicate an opportunity for you to engage at one of our upcoming Council meetings.

Checkout the full list of dates on the Independent Budget Analyst webpage at www.sdd9.info/22dates





### Save the Date: 2022 State of the District

You are invited to join us for the D9 State of the District event on the afternoon of **Saturday, February 12th**. Together, we will recognize the amazing work of community members, talk through our vision for the year ahead, and you'll hear updates from Council President Elo-Rivera.

More event details to come so please stay tuned! **#D9SOTD** 

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