

# COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM MONICA MONTGOMERY STEPPE COUNCIL DISTRICT 4



#CD4 Monthly Newsletter

OCTOBER 2023 EDITION



This month, I was proud to join Mayor Gloria and the ASB President of Lincoln High School to break ground for park improvements at Kennedy Park in Lincoln Park! The 4.8 million dollars investment in the planning of Kennedy Park is intentional and makes our neighborhoods more livable. We must be intentional in our efforts to address the historical disinvestment of our neighborhoods. Kennedy Park has stood in our community since 1971 and is long overdue for upgrades, and I'm proud that this park will now hold fitness equipment, play areas, shading, security lights upgrades, and so much more.

As we continue to center the Community's voice in new developments and plans, our fight to sustain growth in the neighborhoods of District Four will continue. The upgrades to this park represent the action behind the advocacy, and I look forward to seeing residents and people across District Four enjoy this new park and embrace this development as a win.

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Lincoln Park | Lomita Village | Mountain View | North Bay Terraces | Oak Park | O'Farrell | Paradise Hills  
Ridgeview | South Bay Terraces | Valencia Park | Webster

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# INSIDE CITY HALL

## PILLARS OF GOVERNANCE

### ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

### REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY

### SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

OCTOBER 9 | CITY COUNCIL

## PROPOSED RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT: "HOUSING IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY"

On October 9, City Council reviewed proposed responses to the Grand Jury report on Housing in San Diego County. Among the recommendations provided by the Grand Jury was the consideration to work with local faith-based institutions and non-profits to identify land developable for affordable housing. The City is considering amendments to the Land Development Code to allow housing developments on publicly owned land and land owned by qualified non-profit organizations, and this proposal will come to Council at a later date.

OCTOBER 17 | CITY COUNCIL

## WHEN WILL MY STREETS BE PAVED? CITY OF SAN DIEGO'S STREET PAVING CHALLENGES

On October 17th, City Council reviewed a Grand jury report on street repaving challenges throughout the City. We believe the City has significantly deteriorated streets, and we must find a steady revenue stream to address ongoing maintenance of our streets. The City has accepted the recommendation to implement a comprehensive five-year plan for street maintenance to develop in the future.

OCTOBER 6 | PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO 72-HOUR PARKING

On October 6, the proposed ordinance amending the 72-hour parking Violation came to the Public Safety Committee. This amendment would increase the required distance a vehicle must travel in a consecutive seventy-two-hour period from 1/10 mile to ½ mile. Council President Pro Tem supports implementing robust outreach to the public to educate them about what they can do to avoid citation. This is important for individuals who may live in their car and who may have previously parked within the same areas consecutively. The item will come before the full Council for a vote at a later date.

OCTOBER 20 | ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

## SAFE SIDEWALK PROGRAM AND SIDEWALK REPAIR HOLIDAY FEE

On October 20, the AT&I Committee reviewed a proposal to reduce the overall backlog of sidewalk repair locations, and enhance public safety by authorizing the use of the 50/50 Program Funds from the General Fund to waive permit fees for property owner sidewalk repair and pay for Transportation Department crews to perform sidewalk repairs. While sidewalk maintenance is generally the private property owner's responsibility, the 50/50 Program Funds will allow eligible residents with sidewalk damage to save the resident over \$2,100 in permit fees. It is imperative for the City to be proactive in sidewalk repair. In addition, we must also address communities that lack sidewalks in District 4 like Paradise Hills, Encanto, and Jamacha Lomita to cultivate walkability.

OCTOBER 30 | CITY COUNCIL

## FY25 CITY COUNCIL BUDGET PRIORITIES

Councilmembers submitted their initial FY25 budget priorities memoranda to the Independent Budget Analyst on September 27, 2023. After the Councilmember priorities were reviewed, categories that received majority support were summarized in the IBA Report, which was presented to the Council on October 30. Some shared priorities include expansion of homelessness outreach and shelter capacity, Climate Action Plan implementation, library support, traffic calming, sidewalk and street repair, and much more. These priorities are sent to the Mayor's office to take action on drafting the FY25 Budget. To view the complete list of City Council budget priorities, visit [www.sandiego.gov/iba/reports/reports23](http://www.sandiego.gov/iba/reports/reports23).





IN COLLABORATION WITH THE PEACEMAKER PROJECT

FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, RESOURCES  
SPREADING LOVE & GRATITUDE

# TURKEY GIVEAWAY AND RESOURCE FAIR!

**SAVE THE DATE**

**COMMUNITY RESOURCES!**

**1,000 FREE TURKEYS!**

**FAMILY ACTIVITIES!**

**GUEST SPEAKERS!**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18 | 10AM-2PM**  
**JACOBS CENTER FOR NEIGHBORHOOD INNOVATION**  
**404 EUCLID AVE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92114**

For Vendors & Questions Contact:  
Emilio R. Galván  
emilio@communitywraparound.org

For Turkey Donations Contact:  
Pastor Jesus Sandoval  
pastorsandoval98@gmail.com

\*Turkeys are limited to one per family, while supplies last.



## Community Development Block Grant FY25 Funding

The City's Economic Development Department has released the Fiscal Year 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for non-profit organizations. CDBG funding allows partner organizations to deliver on projects and programs that serve San Diego communities.

OCT 16-27	NOV 9 5PM	DEC 15
Virtual Technical Assistance Meetings, by Appointment Only	Deadline to submit Request For Qualifications (RFQ)	Request For Proposals (RFPs) released to qualified organizations

More information at:  
[www.sandiego.gov/cdbg/apps](http://www.sandiego.gov/cdbg/apps)



## TOURISM ACCELERATOR

TOURISM AUTHORITY

**2024 TOURISM ACCELERATOR PROGRAM**

The San Diego Tourism Authority is excited to announce the launch of its 2024 Tourism Accelerator program. San Diego travel and tourism hospitality businesses owned by people of color, people with disabilities, LGBTQIA+, women and veterans are invited to apply to the high-impact program that includes a suite of services and benefits valued at over \$14,000.

Tourism Accelerator participants can expect a complimentary SDTA membership for one year, access to education, mentorship, alumni, and networking opportunities. This initiative helps local businesses reach the next level and achieve better results while encouraging inclusion and equity within the tourism economy.

*"The program opened a door that I didn't even know existed, and now I'm a dessert distributor for hotels, restaurants and caterers."*

~ Chan Buie, Owner of Hey Sugar!  
2023 Tourism Accelerator Graduate



Check out the full benefits and eligibility guidelines:  
[www.SanDiego.org/accelerator](http://www.SanDiego.org/accelerator)

Questions? Please contact  
accelerator@sandiego.org  
or (619) 557-2863.

UPDATED 10/24/2023



## Get Started on the Path to Owning a Home

**Homeownership Advisor Available  
to Assist First-Time Homebuyers of Color**

(619) 578-7788  
[homeownership@sdhc.org](mailto:homeownership@sdhc.org)



Visit [www.sdhc.org/homebuyerequity](http://www.sdhc.org/homebuyerequity)

Are you ready to buy a home? Do you need help to get ready? Do you have general questions about how to get started?

The Homeownership Advisor will help homebuyers of color navigate the process necessary to become a first-time homebuyer by:

- Answering your questions
- Performing an initial assessment of your financial preparedness
- Referring and connecting you to organizations for services, such as more in-depth evaluation of financial readiness, financial coaching, developing a plan to be ready for a mortgage, increasing your credit score, managing debt and overcoming financial challenges

Major funding for the Homeownership Advisor is from the Wells Fargo Foundation's Wealth Opportunities Realized Through Homeownership (WORTH) initiative. Wells Fargo awarded a \$7.5 million WORTH grant to the San Diego Housing Commission, on behalf of the San Diego Homeownership Equity Collaborative, to help create 5,000 new homeowners of color in San Diego County by the end of 2025.

**Program Partners**

RTEF San Diego City-County Reinvestment Task Force

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SAN DIEGO HOUSING COMMISSION





**YOU'RE INVITED!**

**The Urban Collaborative Project CDC's**

# COMMUNITY HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

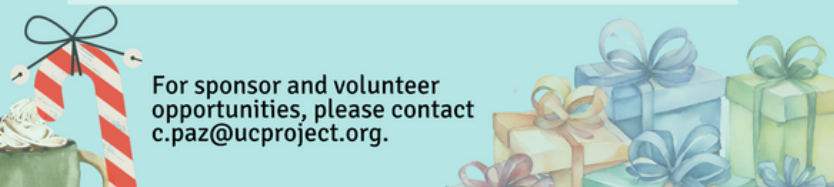
Celebrate the holidays with family, friends, and the Southeast San Diego Community! Enjoy hot cocoa, arts and crafts, holiday music, and a toy giveaway for local children while supplies last.

**When:** Saturday, December 16 | 10 am to 1 pm

**Where:** 6785 Imperial Avenue, San Diego, CA 92114

**Parking:** Street Parking and Parking Lot

For sponsor and volunteer opportunities, please contact [c.paz@ucproject.org](mailto:c.paz@ucproject.org).



In honor of  
**National Apprenticeship Week!**

Hosted at the  
new South Eastern  
Live Well Center!

## SOCALPP IS HOSTING AN APPRENTICESHIP FAIR

November 14th 2023, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Tubman Chavez Conference Center  
5101 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92114

**Be on the look out for  
upcoming  
announcements on  
apprenticeships that  
will be attending!**

**Children  
Welcome!**

**Enjoy Carnival  
Games and  
treats!**



**WORLD DESIGN CAPITAL  
SAN DIEGO TIJUANA 2024  
CAPITAL MUNDIAL DEL DISEÑO**

## DESIGN A BETTER FUTURE **TOGETHER**

World Design Capital San Diego Tijuana 2024 invites you to submit **initiatives, programs, projects and activations** to be considered for the **Official WDC 2024 Programs Calendar** of events and programs.

**Submissions Portal Now Open!**



The City of  
**SAN DIEGO**

## Impact

### Funding Opportunity

Apply by Nov. 13, 2023

Funding available for San Diego artists and nonprofits for projects in San Diego Communities of Concern and San Diego Promise Zone. The City will award up to 10 collaborations with phased funds of approximately \$100,000.



[www.sandiego.gov/arts-culture/funding](http://www.sandiego.gov/arts-culture/funding)



# COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



This month, I had the honor of traveling to Los Angeles to be with Rising Communities of LA and participate in a panel of reflection about the work of the Reparations Task Force. I'm also grateful that Secretary of State Dr. Shirley Weber and Task Force members received an award for Radical Disruptors of the year. While the work of the Task Force is complete, there is so much our community must do to ensure healing for the African American community and beyond. Read the final report of the Task Force at [oag.ca.gov/ab3121/report](https://oag.ca.gov/ab3121/report).

Thanks to Assemblymember Akilah Weber and her advocacy for our communities, San Diego received funding to restore The Black Family statue at the beloved Mountain View Park! This funding is more than just a check—it is about restoring the positive reflections and reclaiming the narrative of Black families.

Huge thank you to the Mountain View Park Coalition, the Mountain View Rec Advisory, and the family of Rossie Wade for the continued advocacy of restoring legacy and memories.



This year marks the 2nd annual City of San Diego Employee Appreciation event, and I was proud to join my colleagues to celebrate the dedication of our City's remarkable employees. We also presented a proclamation declaring October 7th "Employee Appreciation Day in the City of San Diego."

Our city workers perform so many critical functions for the betterment of our neighborhoods, and for that, we extend our sincere gratitude. Thank you again for all that you do!



## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

### COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

**Chair**, Budget and Government Efficiency Committee

**Vice Chair**, Rules Committee

**Vice Chair**, Public Safety Committee

**Vice Chair**, Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

**Member**, Active Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

### OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS APPOINTMENTS

**Co-Chair**, City-County Reinvestment Task Force

**Board Representative**, San Diego MTS - Board of Directors

**Alternate Representative**, San Diego MTS - Executive Committee

**Chair**, San Diego MTS - Public Security Committee

**First Representative and Alternate Chair**, San Diego Consortium Policy Board

## OFFICE HOURS

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH**  
**1:30 PM - 4:30 PM**



**30 MIN VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE**



**SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT AT**  
**SMSANCHEZ@SANDIEGO.GOV**



**CONFIRM APPOINTMENT**



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All things District 4

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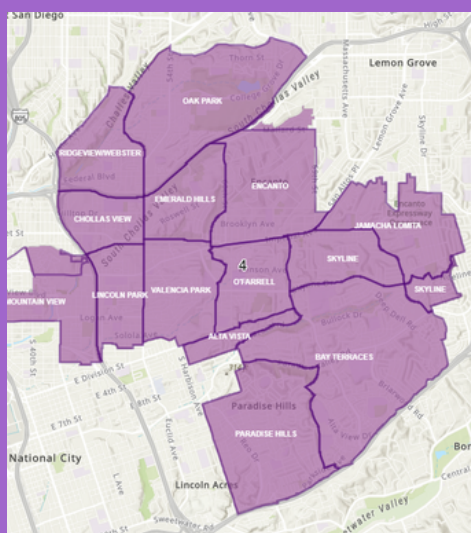
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D4 Green Team

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