

# CAMPBELL CHRONICLES

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## HOUSING ACTION PLAN 2.0



In the past few years, the City Council has enacted multiple packages, incentives, and code adjustments to stimulate affordable home construction in San Diego. Part of this package could help create more affordable and middle-class housing, but some of it may not work and may actually harm our neighborhoods. There are aspects of the Housing Action Plan 2.0 that I support, such as the commercial property addition of housing at shopping centers. I also support the sunset on non-conforming in updated community plans, such as moving scrap yards away from housing. As we expand affordable housing, our residents deserve transparency. Piling one program on top of another, as in the past, risks eroding trust in the housing addition process. Considering these concerns, I did not vote for this package, and it did not pass the City Council. Focusing on each issue individually would enhance clarity regarding the changes proposed in the ordinance. Thus, we can discern what may work and be fair from the mixture of unclear proposals.

## SAFE SIDEWALK PROGRAM



Starting this Winter through June 30, 2026, the City of San Diego will be offering a permit fee holiday and expedited permit process for sidewalk repairs. This program will be available for residents with sidewalk damage adjacent to their property which is lawfully their responsibility to address. Per California Streets and Highways Code Sections 5610-5629, property owners are responsible for the repair of sidewalks in front of their property, even though it is within City right-of-way. The City performs temporary asphalt ramping of all known sidewalk-related issues, regardless of maintenance responsibility, but the property owner is responsible for permanent repairs for conditions not included in Council Policy 200-12, including old and deteriorated sidewalks or damage caused by a private tree. For more information, visit: [Sidewalks Program](#)

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## WATER RATE INCREASE



Due to San Diego's aging water infrastructure and the need to safeguard our water resources, an overall 5% water rate increase will take effect on December 1, 2023. This adjustment reflects the current cost of services and is earmarked to finance crucial infrastructure upgrades, such as replacing aging pipelines and investing in initiatives like Pure Water. For those facing financial challenges, the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program can assist with past-due bills. To learn more, visit [Low Income Water Assistance](#). You may also be interested in rebates available for certain water-saving devices, for more information, visit [Water Rebates Information](#)

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## BEWARE OF WATER SCAM

In response to recent reports of San Diego residents receiving a “water update” notice, the City encourages residents to be cautious. The notices contain a "Please call us ASAP" message but we recommend not responding. Please note that they are not affiliated with the City and are unauthorized to carry out any work on its behalf.



Residents contacted by this company are advised not to disclose personal information or accept any services. If you receive such a call, report any suspicious activities to the:

- San Diego Police Department at 619-531-2000 (24-hour non-emergency line)
- Public Utilities Department's emergency hotline at 619-515-3525
- Public Utilities Department customers can also reach the City's Water Quality Hotline at 619-668-3232
- Email [drinkingwaterquality@sandiego.gov](mailto:drinkingwaterquality@sandiego.gov) during business hours.

## OB PIER CLOSURE



The Ocean Beach Pier has been closed since October 20, 2023, due to damage, especially under the ocean surface, making it unsafe. The ongoing damage to the pier due to winter storms, exposure to wind, and waves, and the salt-laden marine atmosphere continues to cause decay. The City is actively seeking a permanent replacement for the damaged pier. After extensive community meetings, Moffatt & Nichol consultants have proposed three architectural plans for public consideration. San Diegans have selected their individual preferred elements from the plans to help shape a final design of the pier that will be unveiled in 2024. For more info, visit [OB Pier Closed](#)

## MIDWAY RISING

Mark your calendar! Attend the Upcoming Midway Rising Informational Workshop on November 29! Learn more about the Midway Rising Group's latest milestones, and the journey ahead. The upcoming informational workshop is:

**Date:** Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2023

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Celebration Hall  
Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation  
404 Euclid Avenue, San Diego, CA  
92114

*\*Complimentary parking is available onsite*

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LEARN MORE AT OUR NEXT EVENT  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29  
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## DECEMBER NIGHTS

Save the dates: December 1 and 2, 2023, for the City of San Diego's largest holiday festival, December Nights in Balboa Park. This free, family-friendly event invites San Diegans to enjoy the holiday season with lights, music, and delicious food. Join us on Friday, December 1, from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Saturday, December 2, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. For further details, visit: [December Nights Information](#)



## LEGISLATIVE RECESS

### CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE RECESS

This is a reminder that the San Diego City Council will be on Legislative Recess from November 20 to December 3, 2023, and from December 18, 2023, to January 7, 2024. Council Meetings will resume on Monday, December 4, and Monday, January 8, respectively. If you have any community concerns during these periods, my office remains open, and my staff is ready to assist you. Feel free to contact my office via phone: at 619-236-6622 or Email: [jennifercampbell@sandiego.gov](mailto:jennifercampbell@sandiego.gov)

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