2022 + ANNUAL REPORT SAN DIEGO DISTRICT 9





Serving our Community

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District 9 Team





Foreword

The goal of our office is to help create a community where every person in every neighborhood has an opportunity to fulfill their potential. Sometimes, it can be difficult to see the progress toward that goal given the myriad of challenges facing each and every one of our over 155,000 constituents — and our district being comprised of people of all ages, backgrounds, and income levels. However, the complexity and immensity of the challenge does not deter us from wanting to dø our best on a day-to-day basis. And that is how most large and important goals are accomplished — one day after the next, climbing the hill until the summit is reached.

While we are far from reaching the summit and the climb ahead of us remains steep, this Annual Report offers a look at how far we as a community have come together. How the weekend cleanups add up to tons and tons of trash removed from our neighborhoods and the steady stream of advocacy has led to millions of dollars of investment in our community. One day after the next the District 9 community has pushed toward creating a better future and because of that we're closer to achieving our goal. Thank you for being part of that effort. I hope you're as proud of what we've accomplished together as I am.

With gratitude,

SEAN ELO-RIVERA City Council Member, District 9



OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

- > SANDAG Board of Directors, Rep
- SANDAG Borders Committee, Alternate
- SANDAG Regional Planning Committee, Representative
- San Diego Consortium Policy Board (Workforce Partnership), Second Rep.
- SD Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Board of Directors, Board Representative
- SD Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Executive Committee, Representative
- SD Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Taxicab Committee, Representative & Chair

- SD Metropolitan Transit System (MTS)
 Public Security Committee, Representative
- Air Pollution Control District, Sup D4 Appointed Representative (Fletcher)
- Cradle to Careers Board of Directors, Appointed Representative (Atkins)
- SD Housing Commission CAPH Leadership Council
- RTFH Ad Hoc Committee: Addressing Homelessness Among Black San Diegans
- > San Diego Promise Development Committee



State of the District

We are grateful to represent a diverse and collaborative community. Below are some of the groups, businesses, and individuals that we want to recognize for 2022.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS OF THE YEAR

Legal Aid Society SAY San Diego - Clean and Safe Streets Coalition

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

Vicky Pinkus City Heights Rotaract Hoover High Cardinals Interact Ken-Tal Litter Pickers

BUSINESSES OF THE YEAR

Dog Society Tower Bar

NONPROFITS OF THE YEAR

PANA GroundWork Bikes del Pueblo Families for Safe Streets San Diego ACCE

YOUTH LEADERS OF THE YEAR

Youth Empowerment Fartun Adan

ARTIST OF THE YEAR

Thao Huynh French

HEROES OF THE DISTRICT

Northern Hero Robert Hildreth

Mid-City Hero Claudia Ciarmoli Antonio Figueroa

Southern Hero Roxana Mejia

Youth Leadership Development

D9 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Investing in youth leaders is important. True to our word of creating meaningful pipelines of opportunities for our community, our office has been grateful to have several interns support our administrative, community, policy, and communication work.

We want to thank our interns that have been with us.

Left to Right

Andrea, Angel, Liliana Ramon, Roberto, Daniela Annalise, Evelyn, Karina



















Community Priorities - Budget Wins

DISTRICT INVESTMENTS

Mt. Hope

\$750,000 to initiate the planning for a Mt. Hope Recreation Center at Dennis V. Allen Park.

Mountain View

Mountain View Sports Courts: This project provides for the design and construction for the replacement of two tennis courts and install "Futsal" soccer court surfacing, the resurfacing of two basketball court surfaces, replace court fencing (mesh only, use existing poles), replace sport court lighting (lights only, use existing poles) and padding for light poles.

Willie Henderson Sports Complex: \$4 million through the Climate Equity Fund will be committed to upgrading this crucial community space and recreational facility.

Southcrest

Southcrest Green Infrastructure project: Southcrest Green Infrastructure project: As part of an \$8.8 million Stormwater Infrastructure upgrade, this project includes construction and installation of green infrastructure improvements, which collects and filters storm water before it enters the storm drain system to prevent flooding.

Kensington

Kensington Heights #2 and #3 Series Circuit Upgrades: Over \$2 million will be dedicated to much-needed upgrades to the streetlight circuit and installation of new streetlight poles.

Talmadge

Highland & Monroe Aves Storm Drain Replacement: Installation of concrete storm drainpipe will be funded to replace the failed existing corrugated metal pipe. The scope also includes installation of curb inlets, clean outs, cut off walls, headwalls & energy dissipators.

City Heights

El Cajon Blvd Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons: This project will install three new Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon HAWKS at the intersections of El Cajon Boulevard with Altadena Ave, 50th St and 58th St.

Wightman to Ogden Sidewalk: \$264,000 for the construction of new sidewalks.

Installation of 14 new streetlights with new service points in the Mid-City: City Heights community.

Rolando Village

This project will construct sidewalk on the west side of 73rd Street between El Cajon Blvd to Saranac Street, including curb ramps, driveways, curb & gutter, pop-outs at the intersection of Mohawk Street and 73rd Street, and other associated improvements for the installation of the sidewalk.

Security for Restrooms at Clay Park: \$42,000.00 for continued security presence at the Clay Park bathrooms.

College Area

College West Improvement Bike lanes: \$400,00 allocated to the College West Improvement bike lanes.

Redland Drive Loop & 55th North of Redland Drive Reconstruction: \$1,171,000 for a complete reconstruction of Redland Drive Loop & 55th North of Redland Drive.

ADDRESSING HOUSING INSECURITY

Citywide – Housing and Homelessness is regularly cited as the number one concern in our district. It is a priority for us, which is why we fought for the following:

Housing Instability Prevention Program (HIPP)

\$3,570,000 – This pilot program would establish a local flexible subsidy pool for up to 24 months of assistance for seniors, families with children, people with disabilities, and transitional age youth up to 25-years-old regardless of immigration status. This pool of funds will support around 300 vulnerable households by covering up to \$500 rental subsidy each month for those who otherwise would not be able to meet their rent obligations.

Rental Registry

\$200,000 – Funding for a nexus study to initiate the establishment of rental registry. This will be crucial as we begin to expand our data on the rental stock to inform efforts to address the housing crisis.

- LGBTQ Affirming Shelter Beds and Wrap-Around Services
 \$1,500,000 Create additional LGBTQ affirming shelter
 beds and wrap-around services through the San Diego
 Housing Commission.
- Multidisciplinary Outreach Team Pilot

\$500,000 – Allocate to San Diego Housing Commission for the establishment of a Multidisciplinary Outreach Team pilot administered by a Federally Qualified Health Center. This team will work with the highest risk unsheltered individuals.



OTHER CITYWIDE NEEDS

- **\$1.6 million to Energy Independence Fund,** which we established this year to plan for San Diego's energy future
- Broadband Access Expansion Addition of \$1.1 million to support an additional 2,000 hotspots bringing the total number of hotspots to 4,000, which will help close the digital divide caused by a lack of access to broadband services and computing devices by students, teachers, and other library patrons.
- New staffing to implement the Climate Action Plan
- New staffing for the Office of Race and Equity
- New staffing for the Office of Child and Youth Success
- Additional \$400,000 for weed abatement
- Additional \$300,000 for graffiti abatement
- Street Sweeping This adjustment includes the addition of more staff and total expenditures of \$4.0 million at the Stormwater Department to address additional street sweeping, new and existing bike path sweeping, and adding 40 new posted street sweeping routes.
- Shelter Capacity Expansion at \$5.4 million



- Second Shift of Park Restroom Cleaning
- Support for Sidewalk Vending Ordinance
- Translation and Interpretation Services
- SD Access for All \$514,000 This request would support the City's key digital equity initiatives, as well as fund a broadband market feasibility study in the development of a Broadband Master Plan for the City of San Diego.
- Menstrual Equity Pilot Program \$100,000 Access to menstrual health products is a barrier and economic burden for many residents in the City of San Diego. This money would be used to fund a pilot program to address this.
- Climate Equity Fund \$1,100,000 Additional funding for the Climate Equity Fund which prioritizes communities of concern for projects, including Districts 4, 8, and 9.
- Small Business Enhancement Program (SBEP) –
 \$695,000 The additional funding would fully fund this key program that supports small businesses throughout San Diego.
- Community Projects, Programs & Services (CPPS) -\$262,000 - Raise the minimum CPPS funds to \$150,000 for every Council District.



Community Impacts - Policy Wins

Bettering the lives of our District 9 constituents is at the heart of everything we do. Affecting public policy is a key part of that. We view our policymaking through three core values:

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CLEAN AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES FOR ALL 3

SAFETY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

Below are policies our office championed that advance these three core values:

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

- Strengthening tenant protections San Diegans who are paying their rent and following the rules need and deserve protections that will provide them with the housing security necessary for a stable life. That's why in April we brought forward the eviction moratorium to prevent renters from No Fault evictions during the COVID-19 pandemic. Renters can lose their housing through no fault of their own if their landlord wants to renovate the property or take the property off the rental market, even if the renter has always paid the rent on time and followed their lease. Our office is working with Mayor Todd Gloria to bring forward permanent protections in San Diego for renters and create accountability for bad actors.
- Housing Instability Prevention Program (HIPP) To prevent more people from falling into homelessness, the Council also funded HIPP to provide assistance to families experiencing unstable housing situations. This unique program will provide 300 households with \$500 per month for 24 months that can be applied to a range of housing-related expenses to ensure continued housing stability.
- Proven homelessness outreach program People experiencing homelessness who also are experiencing serious mental illness or substance use disorders require trained and dedicated workers who can connect them to the supportive services they need. We ensured that this program, called the Multidisciplinary Outreach Program, was funded as a pilot in the FY23 budget.

Joint City Council County Housing Summit – We worked with County Board of Supervisors Chair Nathan Fletcher to convene the first joint meeting with the City Council in 22 years to commit to addressing our housing crisis. The County and City agreed to pursuing the goal of building 10,000 affordable homes on public land by 2030.

GOVERNANCE

- A "strong" City Council A priority of ours was empowering each City Councilmember so the City Council can best use its power and influence to better the lives of San Diegans. As Council President, we implemented new legislative procedures, allowing the City Council to put its imprint on a range of high-profile policies including the updated Climate Action Plan and a new Parks Master Plan.
- Re-opened City Council chambers A year ago, the City Council was still convening on Zoom, isolated from one another and from the public. Since that time, we reopened the City Council Chambers to the public, while also preserving the public's ability to participate in Council meetings virtually.

PUBLIC SAFETY

No Shots Fired – Established by the leadership of Council President pro Tem Montgomery Steppe, the No Shots Fired Pilot Intervention & Prevention Program has been a key initiative in disrupting gang violence. Along with Council District 4, our office has been a lead partner in ensuring the program is effective and successful. Several Seasons of Peace programming - multi-week events and opportunities put on to educate and disrupt violence - were conducted across our Southeastern region, including our communities in District 9. This program specifically provides comprehensive outreach and wraparound support services to individuals, as young as age 12 to older adults. In collaboration with the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) and certified community based public safety professionals (known as peacemakers), the No Shots Fired is focused on primary gun violence intervention and prevention, tertiary deterrence, and hospital-based violence intervention and injury reduction in order to mitigate gang violence.

TRANSPORTATION

- PRONTO Extend; Foster Youth Program This past summer, our office led the effort to secure approximately \$1.5 million to fund the PRONTO Extend Pilot Program. This new program launched in July 2022, and in partnership with MTS and NCTD has provided no-cost transit passes to former and current foster youth between the ages of 18 and 24. The program aims to provide support and improve access to opportunity for former foster youth and young adults currently in foster care as they transition into more independent living. The program will run until December 31st, 2023, and we will work towards making the program permanent.
- Landis Bikeway Grand Opening Alongside local leaders, community members, and bike advocates, we celebrated the grand opening of the Landis Bikeway this morning. The new bikeway provides a vital connection to walk and bike between the North Park and City Heights neighborhoods. The Landis Bikeway adds 3.1 miles of traffic-calming improvements including neighborhood traffic circles and curb extensions to make streets safer and more comfortable for anyone who walks, bikes, or drives.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Street Vendor Support With the implementation of the Street Vendor Ordinance, our office worked closely with community based organizations to properly support street vendors through the transition in order to ensure vendors continued to operate throughout San Diego.
- Small Business Enhancement Program Our office supported fully funding Council Policy 900–15, Small Business Enhance– ment Program (SBEP), a program intended to provide funds to small businesses throughout San Diego. With advocacy from the community, our office successfully pushed for SBEP to return to its proper funding within the FY2023 budget cycle.

San Diego Workforce Partnership – We continue to serve on the San Diego Workforce Partnership with the aim to further support both youth and adults with a focus on the development of programs that not only provide jobs for San Diegans, but also develop clearer pathways to training and careers to pull individuals out of poverty. A recent program in development through the workforce partnership, the Incumbent Worker Fund, aims to support training of existing workers that would ultimately increase competitiveness or wages.

ENVIRONMENT

- Reforming City waste services Our top environmental priority was reforming the so-called "People's Ordinance," which several independent studies found to be inequitable, environmentally unsustainable, and fiscally irresponsible. Our office led on placing 2022's Measure B on the ballot, which was approved by voters. This unties the City's hands to implement improved public services and pass equitable, responsible City budgets.
- Updated Climate Action Plan The City Council passed a landmark update to our Climate Action Plan, which commits the City to net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2035. As part of that action, we added language to strengthen the City's commitment to improving air quality for all.
- Fighting for renewable energy Our office led on a policy, approved by the City Council, that calls for the expansion of rooftop solar energy in San Diego and throughout California. We also created an Energy Independence Fund, which will allow the City to explore alternatives to investor-owned utilities like San Diego Gas and Electric.

EQUITABLE INVESTMENTS IN OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

- Mountain View Sport Court During this year's state budget cycle, our office was able to secure \$600,000 for our Mountain View Sports Court. This new project will provide the funding for the design and construction for the replacement of two tennis courts and installation of a "Futsal" soccer court surfacing, the resurfacing of two basketball court surfaces, replacing court fencing and replacing sport court lighting.
- Hoover High ECB Street Safety Improvements Since taking office we've advocated for street safety improvements along El Cajon Blvd. This year we were successful in implementing infrastructure improvements and upgrades to El Cajon Boulevard, from Fairmount to 52nd street, and specifically in front of Hoover High School. The new improvements ensure our students and residents safe, allow for easier on-foot access to businesses and are a product of several years of community-led advocacy.

Community Profiles









CITY HEIGHTS - AZALEA PARK

Azalea Park is one of the few neighborhoods in San Diego that contains connections to different canyons and parks. One of the major Canyon trails that is connected throughout the area is Manzanita Canyon. The neighborhood, a thriving arts community, also contains the Azalea Water Conservation Garden and Glow's Art Gallery. This area is home to the Azalea Recreation Center and Azalea Park.

CITY HEIGHTS - BAYRIDGE

Bayridge is a small neighborhood within Fairmount Park on its westernmost knoll, identifiable by its outstanding views and well-maintained townhouse development.

CITY HEIGHTS - CASTLE

Located south of University Ave and North of Manzanita Canyon, Castle lies between the I-15 and Fairmount Ave. This neighborhood is home to the City Heights Mini Skate Park, a connection to the hiking trails in Manzanita Canyon, and Ocean Discovery Institute.

CITY HEIGHTS - CHEROKEE POINT

The Cherokee Point neighborhood is home to Park De La Cruz, a skatepark, and the AgeWell Service Center. Cherokee Point Elementary is a brand new state-of-the-art school that is the pride of the neighborhood. The northern boundary of Cherokee Point is University Avenue and the 15 freeway on the east and 805 freeway on the west.

CITY HEIGHTS - CHOLLAS CREEK

The Chollas Creek neighborhood is home to a watershed that winds its way from Lemon Grove to San Diego Bay. Chollas Creek houses the New Roots Farm, Waldorf School, and a number of small parks, open space canyons, and trails. The area has been long protected by wonderful community groups such as the Chollas Creek Coalition and Groundwork San Diego.

CITY HEIGHTS - COLINA PARK

Colina Park is a mixed-use neighborhood containing both single family and multifamily housing units. This neighborhood also has one of the largest public parks in the entire Mid-City area, right at the heart of the Colina Park community. The park is home to a recreation center, golf course, dog park, and the nonprofit STAR/ PAL San Diego.

CITY HEIGHTS - CORRIDOR

The Corridor neighborhood has a mixture of single-family homes, apartment complexes, and commercial establishments. Corridor is home to Edison Elementary, North Park Produce, and Pancho Villa. In the last year, residents in the neighborhood came together to restart the Corridor Neighborhood Association after being on hiatus for a number of years.

CITY HEIGHTS - FAIRMOUNT PARK

Fairmount Park is a small community. It's primarily residential, mostly single-family homes, with a small commercial area along Home Avenue including several restaurants and convenience stores. Its neighboring communities are South Park and Golden Hill to the west, Azalea Park and City Heights to the east, and Webster to the south.

CITY HEIGHTS - FAIRMOUNT VILLAGE

This neighborhood contains one of City Heights' biggest commercial plazas, the City Heights Center, that is home to numerous businesses. You'll also find in Fairmount Village the Highland and Landis Park, Jeremy Henwood Memorial Park, City Heights Recreation center, City Heights Library, City Heights Performance Annex, and the City Heights Swim Center. This bustling and lively area is the heart of the City Heights community.

CITY HEIGHTS - FOX CANYON

The Fox Canyon neighborhood is home to the Egyptian Garage, Bobbi's Canyon, and the iconic Euclid Tower. The neighborhood is located south of University Avenue and bordered by Islenair to the south, Chollas Creek to the east, and Euclid Avenue to the west.

CITY HEIGHTS - HOLLYWOOD PARK

Hollywood Park is a neighborhood with friendly people, including a very active neighborhood association that hosts canyon hikes and neighborhood cleanups. They have 4 canyons, Hollywood Neighborhood Park, a local coffee shop, and commitment to diverse neighborhood art.

CITY HEIGHTS - ISLENAIR

Islenair means "Island in the Air," which references the land above Chollas Valley surrounded by open canyon space. The Islenair community is one of the City's designated historic neighborhoods. Most homes in the neighborhood were built between 1926 to 1952.

CITY HEIGHTS - SWAN CANYON

The Swan Canyon neighborhood is home to Hamilton Elementary, the beloved City Farmers Nursery, and beautiful canyonlands. The neighborhood is located south of Fairmount Village, east of Azalea Park, and west of Islenair.

CITY HEIGHTS - TERALTA EAST & WEST

Teralta East and West is located south of El Cajon Blvd and North of University Ave and lying between the I-15 and Euclid Ave. This is a community with primarily mixed-used residences, as well as a high volume of small businesses and grade schools. Within the area is Teralta Park, a unique park space that was advocated for by community members and sits on top of the 15 freeway. It proudly has one of the largest community murals in the city.

COLLEGE AREA

The College Area has been given its namesake from one of its most prominent features, San Diego State University. One of its defining characteristics, the "College Area Triangle" created by the intersections of Montezuma, College Ave, and El Cajon Blvd, features a large mix of smaller neighborhoods, a growing young adult population, and ever-expanding business community.

















EL CERRITO

A community on the Eastern portion of District 9, with El Cajon Blvd cutting through its center, El Cerrito (meaning "The Little Hill") refers to the hill that rises between 55th and 58th street. A primarily suburban neighborhood, residents of El Cerrito care deeply for their community and their fellow neighbors. Crawford High School is also based in this neighborhood.

KENSINGTON

Kensington is a small but mighty neighborhood and one of the oldest in San Diego. Famous for its Spanish style architecture and beautiful empire lampposts, Kensington gives you small town charm in a big city. You can find cute little cafes all around. In the heart of the neighborhood is the quaint Kensington Library.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Mountain View is an urban community in the southeastern section of the city. The area comprising Mountain View was acquired by the city in 1874, and Mountain View Park was dedicated in 1914 -- the same time Balboa Park was preparing for the Panama-California Exposition: 1915-1916. Thoroughfares include Imperial Avenue and Ocean View Boulevard, where neighbors can enjoy local businesses. This community has two large parks (Mountain View Community Center and Willie Henderson Sports Complex) and the Mountain View/Beckwourth Branch Library.

MOUNT HOPE

Mount Hope is an ethnically diverse, hilly urban neighborhood of the City of San Diego. It is named for the large municipal Mount Hope Cemetery, which encompasses approximately 115 acres of the community and is the final resting place of some of San Diego's most notable citizens. The neighborhood contains a mixture of residential, industrial, commercial, and cemetery uses. It also has the Dennis V Allen Park. The major San Diego thoroughfare Market Street runs through this community. This neighborhood is also home to the Mount Hope Community Garden, established by Project New Village.

ROLANDO VILLAGE

Rolando Village is a hidden gem in the eastern area of San Diego. Nestled between rolling hills, Rolando features adorable catwalks that connect the community to preserve the natural landscape. It is home to a booming business district and has great community atmosphere. This is showcased at Rolando Night Out, a monthly event held at a business in the neighborhood where you can get to know your neighbors.

TALMADGE

Located south of Montezuma and north of El Cajon Blvd, this neighborhood is known for being a family-oriented community, with a thriving business corridor on El Cajon Blvd and some mixed-use development. One of its most recognizable community areas is the Talmadge Square. With most Talmadge residents living in single family homes, public transit lies on the borders of Talmadge along Fairmount Ave, Collwood Blvd, and El Cajon Blvd. Hoover High School is at the main entrance to this neighborhood.

Community Investments

A total of 31 organization serving District 9 were funded by our office.



COMMUNITY FESTIVALS (ACCF)

IN EDUCATION, BUSINESS,

THEATER, AND PARKS

Community Cleanups

Thank you to our community members and partners, we were able to have over 300 tons of trash cleared in our communities. A clean community is a safe community for all.



Looking Ahead welcome to our New Neighbors

As of December 15, 2022, District 9 welcomed several new communities. Welcome to our new neighbors! We'll miss having Southcrest and most of the Mountain View community in our district. We look forward to representing the following neighborhoods:

STOCKTON ROLANDO PARK REDWOOD VILLAGE NORMAL HEIGHTS MISSION VALLEY EAST