

District 9 Community Budget Survey

The District 9 office developed and conducted a survey to ask our District’s constituents one critical question: How should we invest in our San Diego communities? Our office worked to ensure transparency and intentional community engagement for this upcoming FY 2025 budget cycle. The office reached out to District 9 constituents, stakeholders, businesses and the greater San Diego community by phone, email, and social media to widely distribute our Budget Priorities survey. We heard from 138 respondents through our survey, who all have shaped our priorities.

Our office included short questions and an open response question for community members to submit their thoughts on neighborhood budget priorities. Lastly, the office began the task of incorporating all relevant responses and data points to our final budget priorities memo.

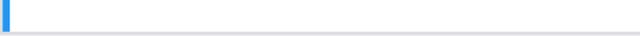
Transparency and accessibility are guiding values in our budget development process. We are sharing the results of our survey out of transparency and to share the priorities of our district directly with City staff developing the budget.

Summary results of the survey questions are below:

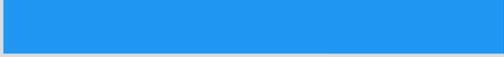
The City of San Diego’s funds belong to the people of San Diego. How the City spends its money reflects its values. What is your vision for what should be most prioritized by the City in its budgeting process? Pick 3:

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Open and transparent government			39	28%
Stable and affordable homes for all			56	40%
World class city services			36	26%
Safety and justice			70	50%
Clean and healthy neighborhoods			105	76%
Climate action and resiliency			40	28%
Racial equity			27	19%
State-of-the-art infrastructure			36	26%
Other			9	6%
Total Responses			138	100%

The District 9 Council Office will always advocate for the needs and quality of life improvements that District 9 deserves, but with limited resources it is important for us to understand your top budget priorities. From the list below, please select 5 operating (City department staffing and programs) budget items that you would prioritize in the next budget:

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Arts and culture funding			45	32%
Graffiti abatement			28	20%
Weed abatement			29	21%
Public trash receptacles			28	20%
Waste and litter removal			61	44%
Sidewalk sanitation			31	22%
Street sweeping			18	13%
Climate adaptation and resilience planning			41	29%
Community Plan updates			38	27%
Tree planting and maintenance			55	39%
Expand homelessness programs			50	36%
Housing with services for people experiencing homelessness			65	47%
Library materials and technology			22	15%
Increasing/maintaining library hours			16	11%
Brush management			29	21%
Police services			58	42%
Fire services			36	26%
Lifeguard services			2	1%
Total Responses			138	100%

From the list below, please select 4 infrastructure budget items that you would prioritize in the next budget:

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Fire rescue facilities improvements			41	29%
Library facility improvements			43	31%
Parks and Recreation facilities			109	78%
Sidewalks			71	51%
Street repaving			97	70%
Safe street improvements (bike lanes, crosswalks, safe street designs)			62	44%
Streetlights			67	48%
Stormwater runoff and drainage			37	26%
Total Responses			138	100%