

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
CLOSED SESSION AGENDA
FOR
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026, AT 10:00 AM
CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 12TH FLOOR
202 "C" STREET
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101**

Virtual Participation: <https://sandiego.gov/councilmtg>

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NOTE: In accordance with the San Diego City Council Permanent Rules for Noticing and Conduct of Closed Session Meetings, adopted by Resolution No. R-310153 on December 8, 2015, a portion of the regular open meeting agenda of the City Council has been reserved for City Attorney comment, public comment, and City Council discussion of the content of this Closed Session Agenda. **Public testimony for this Closed Session Agenda will be taken today during the 10:00 a.m. Council meeting.** Court records about existing litigation are available to the public on the San Diego Superior Court's Website <http://www.sdcourt.ca.gov> and Register of Actions <http://odyroa.sdcourt.ca.gov>.

CONSENT ITEMS

Staff presentations on Consent items will be waived unless a request is made by any Councilmember for a specific item to be heard during the Discussion portion of the Closed Session agenda. Requests may be made by notifying the Mayor or presiding officer.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1):

CS-1 *The Sustainability Institute, et al. v. Donald J. Trump, et al.*

United States District Court, District of South Carolina

Case No.: 2:25-cv-02152-RMG

Risk Management Department Claim File No. N/A

DCA Assigned: N. Markowitz

This case challenges executive orders issued by the Trump Administration blocking grant funding to various entities including the City. The City Attorney's Office will update the Mayor and City Council on the status of the litigation and seek direction.

CS-2 *Magdalena Gracia v. City of San Diego*

San Diego Superior Court Case No. 24CU029640C

Risk Management Department Claim File No. 38392

DCA Assigned: O. Palizzolo

This case arises from a trip and fall that occurred on a sidewalk in front of the property located at 1727 Grand Avenue in Pacific Beach on July 3, 2024. The City Attorney's Office will update the Mayor and City Council on the status of litigation and seek direction.

CS-3 *Maria Del Rocio Nunez Munoz v. City of San Diego*

San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2024-00017991-CU-PO-CTL
Risk Management Department Claim File No. 30842

DCA Assigned: H. R. Whitehead

This matter arises from an alleged trip and fall on the sidewalk near 4059 Wilson Avenue on May 5, 2022. The City Attorney's Office will update the Mayor and City Council on the status of the litigation and seek direction.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Conference with Labor Negotiators, pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6:

CS-4 City Designated Management Team Representatives:

Timothy Davis, Burke, Williams, & Sorensen LLP, Labor Negotiation Consultant
Mark Wilson, Burke, Williams, & Sorensen LLP, Labor Negotiation Consultant
Rolando Charvel, Chief Financial Officer
Rania Amen, Chief Community Services Officer
Kris McFadden, Chief Infrastructure Officer
Bethany Bezak, Chief Performance & Logistics Officer
Casey Smith, Chief Housing & Community Development Officer
Matt Yagyagan, Director of Policy, Office of the Mayor
Julie Rasco, Director, Human Resources Department
Abby Jarl-Veltz, Deputy Director, Human Resources Department
Jonnabelle Domingo, Supervising Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department
Kirsten McGinn, Senior Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department
Timothy Corcoran, Senior Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department
Erik Hanson, Senior Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department
Abegaile Serafico, Senior Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department
Manuel Quintero, Senior Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department
Jennifer Manos, Senior Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department
Kawanda McLendon, Senior Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department
Sophia Williams, Senior Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department
Linda Chambers, Senior Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department

Brian Mallard, Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department
Yvette Davis-Duckett, Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department
Kanella Glover, Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department
Lorene Parker, Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department
Angela Colton, Director, Risk Management Department
Quennelle Allen, Deputy Director, Risk Management Department
Carly Danney, Benefits Manager, Risk Management Department
Kimberly Brancaccio, Benefits Coordinator, Risk Management Department
Benjamin Battaglia, Director, Department of Finance
Jeffrey Peelle, Assistant Director, Department of Finance
Chris Purcell, Financial Operations Manager, Department of Finance
Sally Rubi, Financial Operations Manager, Department of Finance
Luis Mateos, Payroll Manager, Department of Finance
Nicholas O'Donnell, Principal Accountant, Department of Finance
Virgilio Afan Jr., Program Coordinator, Department of Finance
Tyler Woods, Financial Operations Manager, Department of Finance
Robert Logan, Fire Chief, Fire-Rescue Department
Daniel Eddy, Assistant Fire Chief, Fire-Rescue Department
James Gartland, Lifeguard Chief, Fire-Rescue Department
Scott Wahl, Police Chief, Police Department
Shawn Takeuchi, Assistant Police Chief, Police Department
Daniel Grubbs, Assistant Chief of Operations, Police Department
Kyle Meaux, Assistant Director, Police Department
Jim McNeill, Assistant City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney
Jean Jordan, Assistant City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney, solely for negotiations with the Deputy City Attorneys Association
Jonathan Ferreras, Program Coordinator, Office of the City Attorney, solely for negotiations with the Deputy City Attorneys Association.

Following Management Team representatives to execute tentative agreements and memoranda of understanding reached in meet and confer. These representatives are also authorized to present all tentative agreements and memoranda of understanding reached in meet and confer to the Council for final determination and approval by the Council as to policy and the City Attorney as to form or correctness:

Timothy Davis, Burke, Williams, & Sorensen LLP, Labor Negotiation Consultant
Mark Wilson, Burke, Williams, & Sorensen LLP, Labor Negotiation Consultant
Rolando Charvel, Chief Financial Officer
Julie Rasco, Director, Human Resources Department
Abby Jarl-Veltz, Deputy Director, Human Resources Department
Jonnabelle Domingo, Supervising Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Department.

Designated as representatives within the meaning of California Government Code section 54957.6(a):

Charles Modica, Independent Budget Analyst, Office of the Independent Budget Analyst

Jillian Andolina, Deputy Director, Office of the Independent Budget Analyst

Lisa Byrne, Fiscal and Policy Analyst, Office of the Independent Budget Analyst

Baku Patel, Fiscal and Policy Analyst, Office of the Independent Budget Analyst, solely for negotiations with the San Diego Police Officers Association, San Diego City Firefighters, I.A.F.F. Local 145, and California Teamsters Local 911.

Designated as representatives within the meaning of California Government Code section 54957.6(a):

Jean Jordan, Assistant City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney

Jim McNeill, Assistant City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney

Michelle Garland, Assistant City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney

Leslie FitzGerald, Assistant City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney

Kristin Zlotnik, Senior Chief Deputy City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney

Joan Dawson, Senior Deputy City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney

Thomas Brady, Senior Deputy City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney

Miguel Merrell, Deputy City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney

Elena Min, Deputy City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney.

Employee organizations:

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Local 127
Deputy City Attorneys Association (DCAA)

San Diego City Firefighters, International Association of Fire Fighters (I.A.F.F.), Local 145

San Diego Municipal Employees Association (MEA)

San Diego Police Officers Association (SDPOA)

Teamsters, Local 986 (Teamsters)

ACA Assigned: J. McNeill

The purpose of this closed session meeting is to review the City's position and instruct the City's designated representatives regarding meet and confer negotiations for successor Memoranda of Understanding with San Diego Municipal Employees Association (MEA); American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, Local 127; Deputy City Attorneys Association of San Diego (DCAA); San Diego City Fire Fighters, IAFF Local 145; California Teamsters, Local 986; and San Diego Police Officers Association (POA).

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1):

CS-5 *Barry Allred v. City of San Diego*

San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2021-00030939-CU-WM-CTL

Risk Management Department Claim File No. 27172

DCA Assigned: C. C. Hawkins

Outside Counsel: M. A. Wharton, Senior Counsel, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley
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Plaintiff alleges the City violated Proposition 218 related to charges in the Public Utility Department's Industrial Wastewater Control Program. The City Attorney's Office will update the Mayor and City Council on the status of the litigation and seek direction.

CS-6 *Arthur Scott v. City of San Diego and Arthur Scott v. City of San Diego, SDPD and Scott Wahl*

San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2023-00004287-CU-OE-CTL

San Diego Superior Court Case No. 25CU023391C

Risk Management Department Claim File Nos. 31684 and 40288

DCA Assigned: L. Gantney

Outside Counsel: M. W. Waterman, Lozano Smith Attorneys at Law
Q. C. Cedar, Lozano Smith Attorneys at Law

Plaintiff has two lawsuits against the City – one asserting employment-related causes of actions and one challenging the termination of his employment. The City Attorney's Office will update the Mayor and City Council on the status of these litigation matters and seek direction.