A Future For All of Us

Vision

Opportunity in every neighborhood, excellent service for every San Diegan.

Mission

Every day we serve our communities to make San Diego not just a *fine* city, but a *great* City.

Operating Principles

Customer Service

 We value our residents, customers, and employees by designing solutions and services that put people first.

Empowerment & Engagement

• We value a "Culture of Yes" where we empower employees to creatively solve problems and offer solutions.

Equity & Inclusion

 We value equity by taking intentional action to create equal access to opportunity and resources.

Trust & Transparency

 We value transparency by using data to make better-informed decisions, answer questions, and build trust with the public.

Priority Areas

Create Homes for All of Us

Ensuring every San Diegan has access to secure, affordable housing.

Protect & Enrich Every Neighborhood

 Connecting communities to safe public spaces that offer opportunities to learn, grow, and thrive.

Advance Mobility & Infrastructure

 Offering high-quality infrastructure and mobility options that are efficient, safe, and convenient.

Champion Sustainability

Creating livable, sustainable communities for all San Diegans, now and in the future.

Foster Regional Prosperity

 Promoting economic growth and opportunity in every community, for every San Diegan.

Create Homes for All of Us

Every San Diegan deserves to have a safe place they call home, which is why we are making the creation of diverse types of affordable and accessible housing a priority.

- San Diegans benefit from a diversity of different housing types, with homes that are affordable to everyone in all communities.
- The City helps San Diegans find ways to build housing cheaper, faster, and easier.
- San Diegans live in vibrant communities with healthy homes and access to opportunity.
- San Diegans experiencing homelessness have access to long-term housing with supportive services.

Outcome Area	Expected Results	Strategies	Plans
Affordable	Encourage	Review where more homes are	General Plan
Homes	housing that is	needed across the city to meet our	
	affordable to	housing, mobility, and	Community
	everyone in all communities.	sustainability goals.	Plans
		Achieve 2020-30 Regional Housing	Blueprint SD
		Needs Assessment Housing Units	
		target.	Homes For All of Us
		Allow development on vacant or	
		underutilized City-owned sites to	
		increase housing supply with	
		greater affordability requirements.	
		Adopt commercial parking reform	
		in Transit Priority Areas (TPAs),	
		allowing alternative land uses to	
		provide more housing.	
		Supporting the building of	
		additional entry level-housing.	

Outcome Area	Expected Results	Strategies	Plans
		Focus on the missing 'middle' by encouraging the development of new housing that is affordable to middle income residents (80-150% of area median income).	
	Support vibrant neighborhoods that are	Update City code to allow for more affordable homes in areas close to job centers, schools, parks, and	General Plan Community
	connected to the places people	opportunities.	Plans
	work, live, and play.	Support programming for healthy homes that are safe and	Blueprint SD
		sustainable, including building decarbonization through retrofit and appliance swap programs.	Homes For All of Us
Housing Pathways	Create more pathways for housing opportunities.	Improve the permitting process to enhance customer service and make it easier, faster, and cheaper to construct housing, without compromising safety or quality of life.	Homes For All of Us
		Eliminate non-value-add discretionary approval hurdles.	
		Encourage life/work flexibility that allows for co-benefits and multiuse.	
Preserving Homes	Address resident displacement and preserve existing	Preserve and expand single-room-occupancy housing stock.	Homes For All of Us
	affordable housing.	Increase rental subsidy utilization. Support actions that compliment and return short-term rentals into long-term rentals.	

Outcome Area	Expected Results	Strategies	Plans
Homelessness	Reduce	Enhance homelessness prevention	Community
	populations experiencing	and diversion programs.	Action Plan on Homelessness
	homelessness.	Increase placements to	
		permanent housing destinations.	
		Promote wrap-around service	
		options alongside housing	
		placements.	
		Increase access to shelters, safe	
		havens, and interim housing.	
		Promote and achieve equity in	
		service access for historically	
		underserved	
		communities, including	
		minority groups, transitioned-aged	
		youth, and LGBTQ+ individuals.	
		Promote person-	
		centered, compassionate outreach	
		and service engagement.	
		Track retention rate in housing	
		intervention and returns to	
		homelessness.	
		Increase stock of permanent	
		supportive housing.	
		Use data to determine the	
		effectiveness and return-on-	
		investment for funding programs	
		and contracts.	

Protect & Enrich Every Neighborhood

San Diego is an extraordinary place to live, and every San Diegan should have access to a safe and secure environment, along with a variety of core amenities that improve quality of life.

- San Diegans in all communities are connected to neighborhood assets that anchor community life, foster interaction, and promote well-being.
- Every San Diegan has access to arts and culture opportunities on their own terms.
 Visitors are able to discover and experience local culture.
- San Diegans benefit from accessible, convenient, safe, and comfortable recreational spaces in their communities.
- San Diegans have equitable access to a network of libraries, including robust digital services and programming, that are tailored to local needs and interests.
- San Diegans benefit from public safety services that encompass the diverse needs of residents and communities.

Outcome Area	Expected Results	Strategies	Plans
Equity	Prioritize equitable	Ensure amenities are	Parks Master
	investment in	geographically distributed, serving	Plan
	communities with	all of San Diego's diverse	
	the greatest need.	communities.	Library
			Master Plan
		Install artwork in historically	
		underserved communities and	Public Art
		ensure equal access to public art	Master Plan
		across communities.	
		Prioritize citywide investments in	
		park-deficient communities.	
		Provide equitable access to digital	
		resources across all communities.	

Outcome Area	Expected Results	Strategies	Plans
Placemaking	Support amenities as focal points that express the unique identities of our communities and connect people to artistic and cultural experiences.	Encourage long-term stewardship through 'friends' groups, education, citizen science, and research/restoration projects. Provide opportunities for culturally specific experiences. Commission artwork that is visually distinctive and reflective of the identity where the artwork is installed. Promote parks as places where people can foster social connections, build community, and enhance well-being. Ensure all communities can utilize library spaces for programs, meetings, and events. Expand access to cultural heritage and historic collections. Promote and position libraries as cultural centers for exhibits and events. Incorporate Arts & Culture into the Parks development process.	Parks Master Plan Library Master Plan Public Art Master Plan
Public Spaces	Offer safe, inviting, multi-use public spaces that support positive experiences for all	Create additional value for visitors and patrons through improved resource coordination and collaboration.	Parks Master Plan Library Master Plan

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	and improve quality of life.	Increase access to recreational amenities.	Public Art Master Plan
		Create welcoming, convenient library spaces for patrons to sit, work, read, collaborate, and use technology.	Wasterrian
		Provide access to high-quality programming, events, and shared activities.	
		Address and reduce barriers of entry for public artists and associated public artwork.	
Public Safety	Provide public safety services that meet the unique needs, values, and concerns of each community.	Analyze and balance the need for the deployment of public safety personnel based on the nature of calls for service, including criminal vs. non-criminal activity, response times, and community need. Identify and implement additional steps to eliminate racial bias in policing. Achieve and promote a public safety workforce representative of	Mayor Gloria's Public Safety Priorities And Police Reforms
		San Diego's diversity in race, culture, values, genders, language, and life experience. Invest in and implement community-based practices that encourage community	

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		engagement in managing public	
		safety.	
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		Identify additional steps to	
		increase accountability,	
		transparency, and oversight of the	
		police department.	

Advance Mobility & Infrastructure

Efficient, safe, and convenient transportation and infrastructure options are critical to a healthy San Diego, which is why a key priority in the City's Strategic Plan is to advance mobility. Improving fundamental paths of travel, like ensuring safe, high-quality roads, will be just one part of improving mobility as a whole.

- San Diegans in all communities, of all ages and abilities, can efficiently get from point A
 to point B with mobility options that are safe, affordable, and sustainable.
- San Diegans travel on high-quality infrastructure that creates safe and comfortable spaces for people to walk, roll, ride, or drive.

Outcome Area	Expected Results	Strategies	Plans
Infrastructure	Construct and	Optimize street maintenance,	Street
	maintain high-	repairs, and associated processes.	Preservation
	quality		Ordinance
	multimodal	Address and reduce repair,	
	infrastructure in	maintenance, and installation	Mobility
	all communities.	backlogs.	Action Plan
		Improve street preservation	Picyclo
		Improve street preservation	Bicycle Master Plan
		ordinance compliance.	Master Flatt
		Develop improved trench repair	
		standards.	
		Research and construct	
		improvements using innovative	
		materials.	
		Deploy emerging technology (AI,	
		CAV, etc.).	
Safety	Create safer	Separate users of different speeds	Vision Zero
	conditions for all	and mass.	Strategic Plan
	users of the road,		(including
	especially		SSARP)
	protecting the		

Outcome Area	Expected Results	Strategies	Plans
	most vulnerable users.	Implement measures for systemic safety, accounting for human error and injury tolerance.	Bicycle Master Plan
		Reduce speeds on segments, and conflicts at intersections.	
		Fund and build roundabouts.	
Equity	Implement improvements equitably across the City.	Improve geographic distribution of road, transit, bike, and pedestrian infrastructure.	Capital Improvement Program
		Fund and complete projects in historically underfunded communities.	Mobility Action Plan Climate Equity Index
Accessibility	Provide streets that are accessible to individuals of all ages and abilities.	Improve installation and maintenance of sidewalks, curb ramps, and detectable warnings. Design, maintain, and improve roads that are usable for all people, whether they are eight or 80 years old. Holistically implement ADA standards during right-of-way	ADA Transition Plan for Public Right of Way Bike Master Plan Mobility Action Plan
Performance & Mobility	Create additional opportunities for	maintenance and improvement projects, including evaluation for accessible parking (timed parking and blue curbs). Increase access to electric vehicle charging stations.	San Diego Regional Plan
	San Diegans to		

Outcome Area	Expected Results	Strategies	Plans
	choose from	Improve transit connections by	Mobility
	mobility options	investing in first-mile/last-mile	Action Plan
	that make their	solutions.	
	journey more		Bicycle
	efficient,	Implement key transit-only lanes	Master Plan
	sustainable, or	for greater efficiency for the transit	
	complete.	system.	Complete
			Streets
		Review and improve traffic	Program
		signalization to safely improve	
		throughput and efficiency across	Climate
		different modes.	Action Plan
		Plan and program for projects that	Community
		create complete streets and complete corridors.	Plans

Champion Sustainability

In San Diego, we pride ourselves on not just having an amazing environment, but actively caring for our natural resources so they are available for generations to come.

- San Diegans have equitable access to high-quality, healthy, preserved open spaces.
- The City of San Diego provides a built environment that best sustains our natural environment and public health.
- A resilient San Diego that can adapt to, recover from, and thrive under changing climate conditions.
- San Diegans benefit from diligent, innovative waste management.
- The City of San Diego leads by example with zero emission vehicles, net zero emission facilities, and resilient and efficient delivery of services.

Outcome Area Climate Equity	Prioritize climate equity and needs of vulnerable communities.	Prioritize equitable investments in parks and open space in areas with the greatest deficiencies. Utilize Climate Equity Fund and pursue additional funding sources to invest in projects within vulnerable communities. Prioritize projects and climate actions that provide air quality improvements and other core benefits in vulnerable communities.	Plans Parks Master Plan Climate Action Plan Climate Equity Index Portside Community Emissions Reduction Plan
Natural Spaces & Environmental Quality	Protect natural habitats and enhance biodiversity.	Design a healthy, sustainable park system that preserves critical habitat and open space and protects biodiversity.	Parks Master Plan Multiple Species

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		Implement land management and watershed protection practices that restore wetlands, urban canyons, and other natural lands that assist in climate mitigation and resilience goals.	Conservation Program
Built Environment	Expand San Diego's green infrastructure.	Develop programs and design guidelines to promote expanded green spaces in urban areas. Increase San Diego's urban tree canopy, with a focus on communities of concern.	Climate Equity Index Climate Action Plan (Strategy 5)
Built Environment	Promote effective stormwater management that decreases water pollution, mitigates flooding and erosion, and protects our ecosystem.	Improve stormwater infrastructure and keep residences and businesses safe through proactive maintenance and innovative technology. Safeguard recreation opportunities by:	Stormwater Department Goals Climate Resilient SD
Built Environment	Provide safe and reliable drinking water for San Diegans.	Diversify San Diego's water supply. Invest in and implement Pure Water Phase 1 and 2.	Pure Water San Diego

Outcome Area	Expected Results	Strategies	Plans
		Improve and maintain existing water and wastewater infrastructure. Reduce dependence on imported water.	
Climate Adaptation & Resilience	Empower residents and communities to prepare for the effects of climate change.	Provide easily accessible education resources and grow community awareness of climate change. Develop resilience hubs, cool zones, and other infrastructure to safeguard residents from the impacts of extreme heat in the most vulnerable communities. Prioritize, protect, and uplift the City's most vulnerable communities in our climate resilience efforts.	Climate Resilient SD Climate Action Plan (Strategy 5)
Waste Diversion	Expand waste diversion to reduce the amount of landfill waste.	Divert organic waste and solid waste. Maximize capture of methane before it is released into the environment. Expand capacity and infrastructure for recycling and composting. Broaden public education and outreach to promote waste reduction and circular production practices.	Zero Waste Plan SB 1383 Climate Action Plan

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City	Reach zero net	Decarbonize City facilities by	Climate Action
Operations	emissions by	phasing out all use of natural	Plan
	2035.	gas in municipal buildings by	
		2035.	Municipal
			Energy Strategy
		Convert 50% of all municipal fleet	&
		vehicles to zero emissions	Implementation
		vehicles by 2030.	Plan
		Increase electric vehicle	
		adoption in City's fleet.	



City of San Diego Strategic Plan

Foster Regional Prosperity

The City of San Diego is actively taking steps to support a thriving regional economy and develop the talented workforce we need to sustain economic opportunity in the future. Below, we outline how we envision fostering regional prosperity.

- San Diego residents and businesses are supported by a strong local economy, with well-paying jobs, economic activity, and opportunities in every community.
- San Diego businesses benefit from programs and funding opportunities that are accessible and equitably distributed.
- San Diegans have economic opportunity from relations with Mexico as a binational trade partner.
- The San Diego region benefits from a thriving, skilled, and educated workforce capable of tackling the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow.
- San Diegans benefit from a passionate, engaged City workforce that provides the highest level of customer service and represents the San Diego community.
- City employees enjoy a culture of great leadership, appreciation, and acknowledgement, with opportunities for learning and development.
- The City provides a clear, unified pathway for career growth and development.

Outcome Area	Expected Results	Strategies	Plans
Industry &	Increase access	Create and support programs to	Council Policy
Small Business	to opportunities	retain or expand, incubate, and	900-12
	for ownership of	attract business.	
	and employment		Economic
	in small, locally-	Maximize resources and incentives	Development
	owned	available to low and moderate-	Strategy
	businesses, as	income communities, as well as	
	well as key	Opportunity and Promise Zones.	
	industries.		
	Reduce barriers to	Streamline and automate	Economic
	doing business	application processes.	Development
	with government.		Strategy
		Expedite review and payment	
		processes.	

Outcome Area	Expected Results	Strategies	Plans
		Deploy new technologies to facilitate easier interactions with government.	
Binational Trade	Facilitate and enhance cross-border trade and job opportunities.	Invest in improvements and maintenance on international trade facilities within the region. Seek funding for businesses to participate in programs that hire from both sides of the border. Support efforts that continue to decrease border wait times and reduce lost economic output, including those that address emissions from idling vehicles at the border.	Economic Development Strategy Office of Global Affairs
Regional Workforce Development	Encourage and support regional workforce development, trainings, and career advancement.	Facilitate youth, at-risk youth, foster youth, disabled, veteran, and ex-offender educational and employment opportunities. Increase opportunities for job readiness and invest in economic development programs.	Employ & Empower Youth Workforce Program
City as an Employer	Promote a culture of leadership, diversity, appreciation, and growth.	Attract, hire, and retain a diverse workforce that is representative of the communities it serves. Provide training and educational opportunities for employees to advance and develop in their careers.	Employee Satisfaction Survey Quarterly Results