

# District 9 Digest

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## San Diego LGBTQ Pride

On Friday, July 14th, I joined other LGBTQ community leaders at the San Diego Pride Stonewall Rally to kick off Pride weekend in San Diego.

Pride celebrations everywhere trace their heritage to the evening of June 28, 1969, when patrons of the Stonewall Inn in New York City said "No more!" to police harassment. That protest has grown to annual events held in major cities throughout the world.

In San Diego, the first rally was held in 1975. San Diego Pride's Spirit of Stonewall Rally is a time to recognize and honor leaders who are working hard to preserve our gains and meet the many challenges still faced by the LGBTQ community.

Every year, San Diego Pride accepts nominations from the community for the annual presentations of the Spirit of Stonewall Awards. The awards recognize individuals who contribute significantly to the LGBTQ community through their leadership, activism, and fundraising efforts.

During this year's Stonewall Rally our team member, Gloria Cardenas was recognized for her work in the LGBTQ Immigrant community. She spoke about the work done by the bi-national LGBTQ community along the San Diego-Tijuana region and about the current state of immigration affairs in the country.

The San Diego LGBTQ community continued the celebration on Saturday morning for their 43rd annual LGBTQ Parade and Music Festival.

This year's theme, Allied in Action: United for Justice, resonated with many in attendance and it really added to the great positive energy in the community. I proudly participated in the parade as the first Queer Chicana elected to the San Diego City Council.



The weekend celebration continued at the annual San Diego Pride Music Festival in Balboa Park which included multiple stages of entertainment, more than 200 musicians, bands, comedians, dancers, marvelous shopping at dozens of vendor booths, an art exhibit, cultural presentations, and great food!

In all, San Diego's LGBT festivities are estimated to bring in over 200,000 outside visitors and an \$11 million boost to the local economy.

As the celebrations wind down, I continue to urge the LGBTQ community to be engaged. There is a lot more work to be done on behalf of all communities.

As we continue to work together in making San Diego the best place to live and feel free to live our life open and free, regardless of where we come from or who we love.



## **Council Actions In July**

In July, the City Council hosted a Housing Action Day, voted on audits regarding the City's boards and commissions and SDG&E Billing, and the future of the Qualcomm Stadium Site.

### **Audits:**

At the beginning of July, Councilmember Gómez - as Chair of the Audit Committee - introduced several audits by the City Auditor, to the City Council. One key audit looked at how the City managed its electric utility bills to ensure the City was paying the appropriate electricity fee. The other looked at how the Mayor and City Council filled vacant and expired seats on various City Boards and Commissions. For information on these and other audits, you can visit [sandiego.gov/auditor](http://sandiego.gov/auditor).

### **Housing & Homelessness:**

July 24th was an important day. In the morning, Councilmember Gómez was at the Select Committee on Homelessness, where the committee voted on their work plan for the year, which includes interim housing solutions. Then, in the afternoon, Council held a special meeting on housing affordability. At the meeting, council voted to ease the process for more development and encourage more companion unit construction in the City.

### **Qualcomm Stadium:**

The future of Qualcomm Stadium and its use is a complicated issue. On July 25, the City Council referred the issue on alternative development options in the Qualcomm Site to the Smart Growth and Land Use committee for an in-depth discussion. The special meeting will be held at 9AM on Friday, August 11th at City Hall.

# Housing Action Plan



On July 21, 2017, Councilmember Georgette Gómez released her Housing Action Plan which proposes specific steps to increase the affordable housing stock and tackle the affordable housing crisis in San Diego.

In the Housing Action Plan, Councilmember Gómez proposes to:

- Increase Affordable and Middle Income Housing Stock
- Preserve Existing Affordable Housing
- Provide Innovative Housing Solutions for the Homeless
- Identify Public Lands for Housing Opportunities
- Create Statewide Floor Area Ratio Incentives in Transit Priority Areas
- Seek Grant Opportunities for New Housing Development
- Develop an Affordable Housing Measure for the November 2018 Ballot

The plan provides innovative solutions, such as reducing development costs for affordable housing and companion units; increasing developers' fair share of affordable housing; evaluating public land to determine its feasibility for transit-oriented affordable development; and working with all of our partners to bring forward a housing revenue ballot measure that works for all San Diegans.

We need to identify all available opportunities to improve housing affordability in the city.

Now is the time to bring all stakeholders together to create a solution. We must have an open conversation about how to deploy our limited resources to create transformative change in our housing landscape, driven by our common interest in making San Diego a better place to live, work and play, but more importantly lift up people's lives by providing a healthier place to live.

You can view the full plan at [www.sandiego.gov/cd9](http://www.sandiego.gov/cd9).

## Talmadge Gateway Project

Check out this great project in our District!

The Talmadge Gateway is a new permanent supportive housing community restricted to seniors age 55 years or older who have experienced homelessness and have needs that require ongoing support.

On July 27th, our office participated in the grand opening of the community. St. Paul's Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) will provide services to the residents.

For more info, visit: <http://www.stpaulspace.org/talmadge-gateway/>





# D9 Highlight: Kelvin Barrios

**Kelvin Barrios** is the City Heights Community Representative for Councilmember Gómez.

Raised in City Heights, Mr. Barrios has seven years of volunteer experience in the District. Prior to his employment, he served on both the City Heights Area Planning Committee and the City Heights Town Council.



Mr. Barrios currently lives in Cherokee Point, a neighborhood within City Heights.

If you would like to contact Kelvin or have any questions and reside in Azalea Park, Castle, Cherokee Point, Colina Park, Corridor, Fairmount Village, Fox Canyon, and Teralta - East & West, you may contact Kelvin at (619) 236-7042 or via email at [kbarrios@sanidiego.gov](mailto:kbarrios@sanidiego.gov).

# Miguel Gomez Day



Miguel Gomez has been a resident of the Southcrest community for over 65 years and an active community volunteer for the last 45. Miguel was a founding member of the Southcrest Recreational Council and helped expand the Southcrest Community Park, name Dorothy Petway Park, and reduce the use of drugs in the neighborhood parks.

Miguel's activism and leadership has made Southcrest a more vibrant neighborhood and I was honored to proclaim Monday, July 31, 2017 as Miguel Gomez Day.

On behalf of District Nine, we thank Miguel for all his volunteerism and helping the Southcrest community become a better place to live.

## Your Voice Is Needed!

There are numerous City Boards and Commissions that serve as advisory boards for the City. Many go unfilled and have vacancies.

Check out a list of boards and commissions at [www.sandiego.gov/cd9](http://www.sandiego.gov/cd9)

For more information, contact Roberto Torres at (619) 533-4774 or email him at [robertot@sandiego.gov](mailto:robertot@sandiego.gov).



## Important Contacts

- Abandoned Vehicles **858-495-7856**
- Abandoned/unattended personal belongings or waste in public **858-694-7000**
- Animal Regulation **619-236-4250**
- Bicycle License **619-533-4300**
- Brush Abatement/Fire Hazard **619-533-4411**
- Building Permits **619-446-5000**
- Buses/MTS Access **619-233-3004**
- CAPP Coordinator – Mid-City **619-516-3055**
- CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - CIVIL **619-533-5800**
- CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - CRIM'L **619-533-5500**
- Code Compliance Violations **619-236-5500**
- Curb Maintenance **619-527-7500**
- Dead Animal Removal (City Prop.) **858-694-7000**
- Fire Stations **619-533-4300**
- Graffiti Hotline **619-525-8522 or 619-280-5290**
- Grocery Cart Retrieval Corp. **800-252-4613**
- Household Hazardous Waste Disp'l **858-694-7000**
- Housing Commission **619-231-9400**
- Humane Society **619-299-7012**
- Illegal Dumping **858-694-7000**
- Information (City of San Diego) **619-236-5555**
- Lawn Parking **858-495-7856**
- Library **619-236-5800**
- Litter Control **858-492-5010**
- Litter/Debris **858-694-7000**
- Noise Regulation **619-236-5500**
- Office of Small Business **619-533-5305**
- Park and Recreation **619-525-8219**
- Parking Abatement **858-495-7856**

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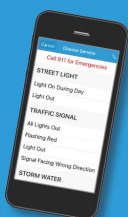


## Upcoming Events:

- **Office Hours Every Friday** 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the City Heights Recreation Center, 4380 Landis St.
  - **Walk N Roll: A Neighborhood Storytelling Project.** Wed. August 9, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Ryan Bros Coffee in Barrio Logan, 1894 Main St, 92113
  - **Integrated Planning Port Master Plan Update** Th. August 10, 6 p.m.— 8 p.m. at Port of San Diego, 3165 Pacific Highway, 92101
  - **Celebrate El Borrego** Thurs. August 10, from 10:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m., at El Borrego, 4280 El Cajon Blvd., 92105
  - **Diamond Street Festival** Sat. August 12, from 11AM—6PM, 63rd and 65th on Imperial Ave.
  - **City Heights Summer Music & Dance Series** Sat. August 19, 4:30 p.m.— 6:30 p.m., Empty lot on the corner of University Avenue and 40th Street
  - **Health Fair & Back To School Kickoff.** Sat. August 19, from 10AM—2PM at O'Farrell Charter School, 6130 Skyline Dr. 92114
  - **Free Back to School Haircuts** Sat. August 26, California Barber & Beauty College, 5315 El Cajon Blvd., 92115
- ## Don't miss!
- **Fair @44**, every Wednesday, 11AM - 7:30PM at the corner of El Cajon Blvd. & 44th St.
  - **City Heights Farmers Market**, every Saturday, 9AM - 1PM at 4325 Wightman St, 92105

## Get it Done San Diego

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