Dear District Nine Residents,

The month of July and the first week of August have been full with important decisions at City Council and the Rules Committee, both of which I chair.

My updates to the City’s Inclusionary Affordable Housing Ordinance were approved by my colleagues in July and when in place, it is expected to increase the production of affordable housing to benefit more San Diegans.

In August, Council and Committee meetings are in recess and will resume September 9. I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer with your family and friends.

I invite you to read this newsletter and to reach out to me via email, phone, your Council Representatives. We will continue to hold office hours and coffees in the community.

In Solidarity,

My statement on my updates to the City’s Inclusionary Housing Ordinance,

“I have a responsibility to my residents. I represent a district where the average annual income for a family of four is $38,000 and we are not building or preserving housing they can afford. As policy makers, we must do something to address the City’s affordable housing crisis. Inclusionary housing is just one of many necessary pieces that are being brought forward.”

I spoke with the Voice of San Diego about the Council vote on my updates to the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance and more. I invite you to listen at:

http://podcast.voiceofsandiego.org/
Addressing Homelessness & Affordable Housing

City Council Approves Updates to Inclusionary Affordable Housing Regulations

*Updated Regulations More Accurately Reflect Actual Production Costs of Affordable Housing*

On July 30, the City Council approved my updates to the City’s Inclusionary Affordable Housing Regulations.

The updated ordinance requires that when a developer builds a new residential or mixed use project, the project will include at least 10% of the housing units as affordable on-site or use other methods of compliance, such as donating land for building affordable housing and preserving current affordable or single room occupancy housing to ensure there is more affordable housing available within the community.

When in effect, these new regulations are expected to increase the production of affordable housing which will result in more San Diegans being able to have a clean, safe and affordable home.

Council President Georgette Gómez said, “I’m pleased that my Council colleagues supported these updates that will help build and preserve housing for low-income San Diegans who have been having to make difficult choices to stay housed. These updates are a critical piece of the work being done to address the City’s housing crisis.”

Improvements to Clay Park

Earlier this year, I convened the Mayor’s Office, Parks & Rec Dept., San Diego Police Dept., Environmental Services Dept., and other organizations to listen to Rolando Village to discuss improvements to Clay Park.

The San Diego Unified School District is installing perimeter fencing around the joint-use field, a project that is expected to be complete by the start of the school year.

Further improvements identified by the Colina del Sol Recreation Advisory Group expected to be completed later this year or early next include:

- New seating areas
- Replacement benches and trash receptacles
- Arbor entry off of Seminole Drive
- Demonstration garden off Seminole Drive at southwestern & southern edges of the park

Harriet Tubman Village Charter School Joint-Use Field Groundbreaking

I am very excited about the groundbreaking for the joint-use field at Harriet Tubman Village Charter School.

When complete, the park will be used by the students during school hours and will be open as a public park to the community after school, on weekends, and during school breaks.

**Date:** Monday, August 12, 2019  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Harriet Tubman Village Charter School, 6880 Mohawk St., San Diego, CA 92115

Project features:

- Natural turf
- Walking/Running path
- Landscaping & irrigation
- Picnic tables, benches and drinking fountain
- Play structure
- Basketball court
**Festivals & Food in D9**

**August 6**

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

*National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships & neighborhood camaraderie to strengthen our communities.*

Talmadge
5:30— 8:00 p.m.
*Talmadge Traffic Circle at 49th & Adams*

City Heights
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
*Jeremy Henwood Park, 3795 Fairmount Ave.*

**August 11**

**BURLY BEER BAR HIKE**

*Join your neighbors & hike to D9 businesses: Burly & the Bean, Nate’s Garden Grill, Chinatown Bar & Grill, Tower Bar. Meet at 1:30 p.m., Hike leaves at 2:30 p.m. Burly & the Bean, 3014 Columbine St.*

**August 24**

**YOUNG BLACK & N’ BUSINESS FESTIVAL**

*A multi-generational professional celebration, the festival offers cultural cuisine, regional artistic talent, award & recognition ceremony, with activities for children & families.*

2:00-7:00p.m.
*Fair@44. 4350 El Cajon Blvd.*

**September 12**

**SAN DIEGO STREET FOOD FESTIVAL**

*Celebrate the vibrant life of City Heights, enjoy music & live art, beer & wine, spoken word performances, & street food from around the world.*

5:00—8:00 p.m.
*Fair@44. 4350 El Cajon Blvd.*

**September 15**

**PONCE’S MEXICAN RESTAURANT 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

12:00 - 6:00 p.m.
*Ponce’s Mexican Restaurant, 4050 Adams Ave.*

**September 21 & 22**

**ADAMS AVENUE STREET FAIR**

*80 musical acts on six stages.*

Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m./ Sun. 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**September 27**

**FERN STREET CIRCUS PARTY**

6:00—9:00 p.m.
*Fair@44. 4350 El Cajon Blvd*

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**Supporting D9 Businesses**

**SanDiego MAGAZINE**

**Congratulations to the D9 Businesses**

**Voted “Best Restaurants 2019” by San Diego Magazine**

**BEST PHO**
Pho Hoa, 4717 El Cajon Blvd.

**BEST CHILAQUILES**
Super Cocina, 627 University Ave.

**BEST FILIPINO**
Fredcel Lumpias, 3876 38th St.

**BEST CHINESE**
Minh Ky, 4644 El Cajon Blvd.

**BEST CHIPS AND SALSA**
Chewy’s Taco Shop, 6663 El Cajon Blvd.

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**College Area Business District**

**Congratulations to the College Area Business District 2019 College Choice Awards!**

**BEST NEW RESTAURANT:**
Everbowl, 5120 College Ave.

**BEST NEW BUSINESS:**
Federico’s Academy of Performing Arts, 7151 El Cajon Blvd.

**BEST COFFEE SHOP:**
Marleeze Koffee, 7281 El Cajon Blvd.

**BEST STOREFRONT MAKEOVER:**
Tako Factory 7287 El Cajon Blvd.

**BEST LONG TERM BUSINESS:**
Woodstock’s Pizza 6145 El Cajon Blvd.

**BUSINESS OF THE YEAR:**
Pokedon 6353 El Cajon Blvd.

**R.J. BENOIT** (Outstanding Board Member): Pat Geary of CEG Advisors
Community Office Hours
Schedule an appointment or drop-in at my community office hours.

To schedule an appointment:
Email Brenda Lugo at BLugo@sandiego.gov or call (619) 236-6699

When: Every Friday, 2:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Where: City Heights Recreation Center
4380 Landis St.,
San Diego, CA 92105

When: Sat., Aug. 10, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 14, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Where: City Heights Farmers Market
4325 Wightman St.,
San Diego, CA 92105

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Community Cleanups
Sat., Aug. 10, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Location: Colina del Sol Love Our City Cleanup
5319 Orange Ave.
San Diego, CA 92115
For info: Stopher Vallejo
CVallejo@sandiego.gov
(619) 236-6725

Sun., Sept 8, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: SDSU/College Area
Lee & Frank Goldberg Courtyard
Conrad Prebys Aztec Student Union
For info: Sanna Loando
SLoando@sandiego.gov
(619) 533-4774

Coffee with Your Councilmember
Wed., August 7, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Location: Burly and the Bean
3014 Columbine St.
San Diego, CA 92105
RSVP: Anna Medina
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