



Affordable Housing



Photo: County-City Housing Summit at San Diego State University.



Photo: San Diego County Supervisors and City Council.

For the first time in 22 years, the County and City of San Diego met to discuss and find solutions for the housing shortage in San Diego. At the end of the Housing Summit, the County and the City approved a resolution to add 10,000 affordable housing units on government land by 2030. The resolution will focus on four main topics:

- Streamlining permitting to accelerate housing construction
- Building 10,000 affordable homes on government-owned land near transit lines that also support climate action goals and offer construction workers good-paying jobs
- Leveraging public, private, and other funds to accelerate the availability of affordable housing
- Increase density on properties owned by the San Diego Housing Commission or its nonprofit affiliate

The historic meeting was led by County Supervisor Chair Nathan Fletcher and Council President Sean Elo-Rivera at San Diego State University.

Homelessness Solutions



Photo: The Homelessness Solutions & Strategies Department Team, including Director Hafsa Kaka.

Homelessness in San Diego is a crisis, and I hear your concerns. I want to assure you that the City's Homelessness Department is working as quickly as possible to help our unsheltered population.

One of those solutions includes turning the old Downtown San Diego Library into a shelter. My staff and I recently met with the Mayor's Homelessness Solutions and Strategies Department Director, Hafsa Kaka, who gave us a tour of the facility. In my district, a 34-unit shelter on Pacific Highway will open soon. While there is still so much to be done, the Mayor's homelessness programs have increased shelter beds by more than 28% in the City of San Diego since 2021.

Follow the link to learn more about the City's Homelessness Solutions and Strategies. [Homelessness Solutions & Strategies](#)

Reproductive Rights

The Supreme Court's overturning of Roe v. Wade was a direct attack on people's reproductive rights. In response to this injustice, Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins, sponsored the Reproductive Freedom bill, known as Prop 1.

The bill will codify people's freedom and access to reproductive healthcare, including the access to safe abortions, into our State's Constitution.

To show solidarity, I, along with, Councilmember Raul Campillo, authored a City Resolution that supports the "Reproductive Freedom" bill; which passed unanimously at Council. We must do everything we can to protect people's reproductive and sexual healthcare. Because having an abortion or using contraceptives is a fundamental choice between a person and their healthcare providers.



Photo: Councilmember Raul Campillo, County Supervisor Vice Chair Nora Vargas, Councilmember Marni von Wilpert, and Vernita Gutierrez with Planned Parenthood.

Infrastructure



I want to thank Assemblyman Chris Ward for allocating \$2.1 million from the state budget for the South Clairemont Recreation Center. I joined Assemblyman Ward, as he presented a check for the recreation center's desperately needed repairs and upgrades. We also had an opportunity to tour the center and meet with the staff who highlighted the great programs that are available for children and families.

Photo: Assemblyman Chris Ward, and the South Clairemont Recreation Center's staff.

First Responders



The 42 Annual P.A.E.S.A.N. (Police and Emergency Services Appreciation Night) honored First Responders in Pacific Beach. This year, Lt. Rick Aguilar with the San Diego Police Department, received special recognition for his hard work. The Pacific Beach Town Council and its donors did a wonderful job with this year's celebration. Money raised from the event goes towards Fire Station 21 in Pacific Beach. It will help firefighters purchase smaller items not included in the city's budget, like furniture, kitchen pots, pans, or other needs.

Photo: San Diego Police Department, Lt. Rick Aguilar, and his colleagues.

U.S. Coast Guard Hero

United States Coast Guard Aviation Survival Technician, Joshua Carlson, helped save nine people stranded on a disabled migrant boat on January 2021. Carlson faced

12-foot waves as he swam back and forth from the helicopter to the sinking vessel. Another helicopter crew worked to save an additional 12 people from the vessel.

The Mayor and I presented Carlson with a City Proclamation for his heroic efforts. Carlson, his family, and colleagues joined in the presentation at City Hall.

Above: Joshua Carlson, his family, and colleagues. **Below:** U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Diego Captain James Spitler, and Mayor Gloria.



Community Representative



Manuel Reyes,
Community Representative
Point Loma, Ocean Beach, and
Pacific Beach.

Please help me welcome Manuel Reyes to Council District 2, where he will serve as a Community Representative. He oversees constituent services for Point Loma, Ocean Beach, and Pacific Beach.

Manuel graduated in June 2022 with a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies: Political Science from the University of California San Diego. He is also part of the dual degree BA/MIA program at UC San Diego's School of Global Policy and Strategy. He is on track to graduate with his Master of International Affairs with a regional focus in the Pacific Rim by June 2023.

Manuel was born and raised in San Diego County and is the son of two Mexican immigrants who migrated from Michoacán, Mexico. With that said, he is proud to start his career in public service here in San Diego and hopes to represent the Mexican American community in the policy space.

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The graphic also features a smartphone displaying the app interface and a row of icons representing various city services: a person with a magnifying glass, a car with a checkmark, a bicycle, a recycling symbol, a water drop, and a USA flag.

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