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74th San Diego City Council Inauguration



Photo: Council President Sean Elo-Rivera, Councilmembers Vivian Moreno, Raul Campillo, Chris Cate, Marni von Wilpert, Council President pro Tem Monica Montgomery Steepe, and Joe La Cava.

What a great day, as we commemorated the 74th City Council Inauguration. I am

honored to have been re-elected and sworn in for a second term on the City Council and I look forward to continuing the work in District 2. Here are some of the policies I led during my first term.

- I helped to create a new Conservatorship Unit, dedicated to getting unhoused San Diegans, with the most severe mental health challenges, into treatment.
- I worked to expand our safe parking lots for San Diegans living in their vehicles. This program has led to nearly fifty percent of those homeless finding permanent housing.
- We have doubled the number of shelters in the city within the past two years, including a Harm Reduction Shelter in District 2.
- We have expanded the family reunification program that has helped more than 17,000 people reunite with their families to find stable housing.
- Before COVID, there were about 16,000 homes, apartments, and condos that were used only as short-term rentals. We needed this housing for San Diegans who live and work here. This is one reason I crafted the Short-Term Rental Regulations which will go into effect city-wide this coming May.
- The Midway-Sports Arena area in District 2 is another approach to housing solutions. A majority of the citizens of San Diego voted twice to approve upgrading Midway for this purpose.

In my next term, my staff and I will continue working closely with constituents, community leaders, and businesses to achieve neighborhood goals. I am honored to represent a coastal District with great community engagement, neighborhoods, and thriving businesses.



OB LIBRARY DESIGN UNVEILING

The final design rendering of the new OB Library expansion project.

The \$11.9 million library expansion will create a state-of-the-art facility for everyone to learn and thrive.

Residents had asked for a library expansion for the past 20 years, but it went without a champion. I immediately went to work to secure funding. I want to thank the Mayor's Office, Senate President pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins, and Rep. Scott Peters (D-52). In addition, a \$3 million anonymous donation, and \$150,000 from my office budget

brings the total amount needed for the removal of the annex building, and the completion of the 4,300-square-foot library project, which includes:

- Book Collection Area
- Study Rooms
- New Restrooms
- Meeting Room
- Community Meeting Room with a Kitchenette
- Office Space
- Teen Area
- Large Meeting Space that opens to outdoor patio area

I applaud the City's Engineering and Capital Projects Department, the Friends of the Ocean Beach Library, the Ocean Beach Planning Board, and community members who gave input to create three architectural styling designs and select the final design. The OB Library was built in 1928, and its iconic art deco entrance will be preserved. The construction for the project will begin in the Winter of 2024, with completion expected Spring of 2026.

MISSION BAY PARK & PLAYGROUND UPGRADES



The Tecolote Shore North Park and Playground in Mission Bay is another big project that has been completed in Council District 2. It was a pleasure to join Mayor Todd Gloria, the Parks and Recreation, Engineering, and Capital Projects Departments, and residents for the ribbon cutting of the Tecolote Shore North.

The new upgrades include the following:

• The old play equipment has been replaced by new, state-of-the-art

- equipment.
- The new area has been redesigned to include various age groups including an adult fitness course.
- There are new restrooms, and the picnic areas have been updated to current ADA code requirements.
- The parking lot has been resurfaced, and the accessible parking spaces have also been upgraded.
- There are new travel paths from the parking lot to the playground, restrooms, and new security lights.

The new park allows people to stroll, bring the children to the playground, and enjoy the adult exercise area.

FRIDA AND DIEGO'S LAST DREAM

I attended "The Last Dream of Frida and Diego" at the Civic Center. I applaud the San Diego Opera for partnering with Latino artists, embracing and reflecting authentic Latino culture, and bringing it to the stage.

I joined Senate President pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins, County Supervisor Vice Chair Nora Vargas, Chula Vista Mayor Mary Salas, Councilmembers Stephen Whitburn, Raul Campillo, Marni Von Wilpert, and General Director of the San Diego Opera David Bennet for a special night to honor Frida Khalo and Diego Rivera who have inspired generations of artists.



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