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July 31, 2020: COVID-19 News Update

Dear Neighbors,

My office has received several inquiries from those curious about who benefited from the City's Small Business Relief Fund (SBRF) program during this economic crisis. So, to be as transparent as possible, my staff have compiled some initial statistics on where the aid went, specifically in District 1.

For those unfamiliar with the program, the SBRF launched with an initial \$6.1 million approved by City Council on March 25. On June 9, City Council approved an additional \$12.8 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funds, pushing the total SBRF funding to over \$20 million, including several million in private donations.

Between the program's official launch on March 27 and its deadline on April 14, 10,232 applications were received. 606 of those applications were from District 1 businesses.

According to the most recent data released by the Economic Development Department, as of July 14, 804 awards were conferred worth \$7.1 million. As of the most recent statistics, 64 applicants from District 1 have received relief.

While I wish this number were higher, scrolling through the beneficiaries, it was nice seeing that some familiar names received some relief.

Here is a breakdown of the funding sources for the entire city:

- \$12.8M CARES Act Fund (grants): 335 businesses awarded (16.9% expended)
- \$3.3M Community Development Block Grants (forgivable loans): 149 businesses awarded (45% expended)
- \$2.17M Revolving Loan Fund (zero-interest loans): 118 businesses awarded (100% expended)
- \$702K Private Donation (grants): 147 businesses awarded (100% expended)
- \$550K Former Enterprise Zone (grants): 55 businesses awarded (100% expended)

My heart goes out to all the entrepreneurs and business owners affected. Whether it's the mom & pop diner that knows your order by heart, the gym you've belonged to for 20 years, or the jewelry store

where you bought your engagement ring, local businesses are the lifeblood of the community.

With gratitude,



Council President Pro Tem

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District News

Missing “No Littering” Sign Replaced Along Angell Avenue

Thank you to the dedicated residents of Angell Ave and the Neighborhood Watch group in that area for notifying my office of a missing sign along Angell Avenue. After the missing sign was brought to our attention, my office worked with Traffic Engineering to ensure the sign would finally be replaced. In less than a week, a new sign was up.

Once again, thank you to City staff for your quick work on this sign replacement, and to the community for reporting it missing in the first place!

City News

7/29 Budget and Government Efficiency Committee

The Budget and Government Efficiency Committee convened this week to hear COVID-related budgetary impacts to the tourism industry.

A copy of the presentation can be found [here](#).

7/29 \$700,000 from the City’s Small Business Relief Fund to Help Small Businesses in Historically Underserved Communities

Mayor Faulconer, Councilmember Montgomery and local business leaders announced \$700,000 from the City’s Small Business Relief Fund will go toward helping businesses in historically underserved communities.

The funding will aid recovery efforts for businesses through specialized outreach, technical assistance, and direct grants to possibly hundreds of business owners. The City Council will consider this reallocation of funds next week.

Press release [here](#).

7/28 City Council

The City Council voted on several items this week. Some key items were:

- Extension of Repayment Period Related to the Residential and Commercial Eviction Moratorium Due to the Declared State of Emergency from COVID-19
 - An amendment was accepted that extends the repayment period until December 30, 2020 instead of the original proposal of March, 2021.
 - **This item passed 5 - 4, but before being enacted it will need undergo a second vote and be subject to the possibility of a Mayor veto.**
 - I voted “No” on this item - read my statement [here](#).
- Consideration of Potential Amendments to Governing Regulations Regarding City Boards and Commissions.
 - **This item passed 8 – 1.**

- I voted “Yes” on this item.

The complete agenda can be found [here](#) and the meeting results summary [here](#). Archived minutes can be found [here](#).

County News

No COVID-19 Testing Required Before Employees Can Go Back to Work

Based on new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it is no longer recommended that employers require employees who tested positive for COVID-19 to be tested again before they can return to work.

Article [here](#).

Current Cases in San Diego County

As of 5 p.m. 7/30:

- Total Cases in San Diego County: 28,668
 - 0-9 years: 886 cases
 - 10-19 years: 2,166 case
 - 20-29 years: 7,287 cases
 - 30-39 years: 5,419 cases
 - 40-49 years: 4,130 cases
 - 50-59 years: 4,055 cases
 - 60-69 years: 2,449 cases
 - 70-79 years: 1,210 cases
 - 80+ years: 1,038 cases
 - Age unknown: 28
- Hospitalized Cases: 2,486
- Intensive Care Cases: 638
- Deaths: 558

Source [here](#).

State News

7/29 Governor Newsom Strengthens State Unemployment Insurance Delivery System

Governor Newsom announced a series of actions to better serve workers that have experienced job loss during the COVID-19 pandemic, including the formation of an Employment Development Department (EDD) strike team, and a renewed focus on processing unpaid claims.

Press release [here](#).

7/24 Governor Newsom Announces New Support for California Workers

Governor Newsom announced new safeguards for California workers who face the greatest risk of COVID-19.

In addition to support for workers to isolate and quarantine, the Governor unveiled a robust education campaign for workers and employers. He also committed to working with the Legislature and key stakeholders to expand critical protections like paid sick leave.

Press release [here](#).

Local Resources

Federal Loans Available to Help Small Businesses Affected by Civil Unrest

Low-interest federal disaster loans are available to help San Diego County small businesses affected by the civil unrest that began May 26, 2020, and do not have the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship.

The loans are not intended to cover losses from property damage, nor are they general COVID-19 related assistance.

The deadline to apply for the loans is April 7, 2021.

Businesses may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/>.

Article [here](#).

Jewish Family Service's Back-to-School Drive

During the COVID-19 pandemic, teachers, parents and kids struggle to prepare for what will be an uncertain and unpredictable school year. Many families face financial challenges and young students will be in stressful learning environments.

If you can, please consider sponsoring a student or building a back-to-school kit for a student in need through Jewish Family Service's Back-to-School Drive.

To learn more, click [here](#).

City of San Diego 'Social Calls' Program

A compassionate voice in our lives can make a powerful difference, especially during these times. The City of San Diego Social Call will call you for free, Monday-Friday, up to three times a week just to check in and say "hello" as well as to connect you to other life-enhancing resources.

To register or learn more, click [here](#).

Census Hiring for Several Positions, \$19 - \$23 per hour

In advance of the 2020 Census, the U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting people for temporary jobs in San Diego. Temporary census positions offer the opportunity to earn extra money while helping your community.

Most 2020 Census positions will last several weeks and feature competitive wages, weekly paychecks, flexible hours, and paid training.

To submit an application or learn more, click [here](#).

Government Resources

CA Dept. of Public Health:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

City of San Diego: <https://www.sandiego.gov/coronavirus>

Council District 1 Guide: [here](#)

County of San Diego: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/coronavirus.html>

Office of Governor Gavin Newsom: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/>
State of California Official COVID-19 resource: <https://covid19.ca.gov/>

Testing Information

State Managed Testing Sites

Appointment needed via <https://lhi.care/covidtesting> or by calling 888-634-1123, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

State Managed Testing Locations:

- Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Dr., El Cajon, CA 92020
- Former Sears in Chula Vista, 565 Broadway, Chula Vista, CA 91910
- North Inland Live Well Center in Escondido, 649 W Mission Ave., Escondido, CA 92025
- Tubman-Chavez Center at 415 Euclid Avenue
- San Diego County Assessor Office at 200 S. Magnolia Avenue in El Cajon

County of San Diego Testing Sites

To make a free appointment at a County testing site, please call 2-1-1 or use [this](#) site to make an appointment.

2-1-1 San Diego

For County updates about the coronavirus pandemic and its impact on our community, text COSD COVID19 to 468311.

Kaiser Permanente

Concerned about your specific health condition? Call 1-833-KP4CARE (1-833-574-2273) (TTY 711) to talk to a licensed care provider 24/7. If you think you have COVID-19 symptoms or believe you've been exposed, it's important to call before coming into a clinic or doctor visit.

[Link to website here](#)

Scripps Health COVID-19 Nurses Line

888-261-8431 (7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Mon - Fri, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat - Sun)

Those determined to have a risk of infection might be instructed to go to one of three cabanas located outside our urgent care centers for further testing or, if necessary, to an urgent care center or emergency room for further treatment.

The cabanas are located outside of:

- Scripps Clinic Torrey Pines (opening Friday, March 13)
- Scripps Clinic Rancho Bernardo (opening Tuesday, March 17)
- Scripps Coastal Medical Center Vista (opening Tuesday, March 17)

SHARP Healthcare Nurses Line

1-800-827-4277 (Mon - Fri, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat - Sun)

UCSD Health COVID-19 Nurses Line

800-926-8273 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day)

Patients should not walk in or schedule an appointment online. They should first call the COVID-19 nurse line BEFORE going to any hospital or clinic. After answering questions, they will be directed to a video visit or a location for the necessary evaluation and testing.

Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry represents San Diego City Council District 1, which includes the communities of Carmel Valley, Del Mar Heights, Del Mar Mesa, La Jolla, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Torrey Hills, Torrey Pines, and University City.