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May 19, 2020: COVID-19 News Update

Dear Neighbors,

Today, in City Council I voted on many items that impact the City's budget.

I voted "no" to spend an additional \$150,000 in attorneys fees at \$300 per hour to "complete the negotiation of the final SDSU West Purchase and Sale Agreement (PSA)." SDSU delivered a signed PSA on May 5, 2020. A Deputy City Attorney testified that "the legal work is done." This item passed 7-2 with only Councilmember Moreno and myself voting against it.

I voted "yes" to invest \$5 million in federal CARES Act funding into childcare for essential workers. This item passed unanimously. Childcare is critical to our re-opening and inclusive recovery.

I also voted to transfer \$1 million from the Navigation Center to a Rental Assistance Program for San Diegans impacted by COVID-19. This action, with direction for a more definitive spending plan for rental assistance from Councilmember Sherman, passed 8-1.

The reason I am sharing these votes is because the actions we take today will set the stage for our recovery in the future. Without an SDSU West deal, the City's financial deficit deepens; without childcare for our essential workers, we cannot beat COVID; and without a rental assistance program, we cannot stimulate our economy.

San Diego will emerge from this pandemic stronger than ever, but only if we act responsibly now.

With gratitude,

Council President Pro Tem

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District News

COVID-19 Newsletter Now Once a Week on Wednesdays

Starting *this week* the District 1 COVID-19 newsletter will be published once a week. The next newsletter will be released on Wednesday, May 27, 2020.

City News

5/19 City Council Votes

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

- **Item 330** - Allocation of \$150,000 for Outside Legal Counsel for Mission Valley Negotiations—I voted no.
- **Item S509** - Extension of Residential and Commercial Eviction Moratorium until June 30, 2020—I voted yes and also am supporting efforts to provide direct financial relief to landlords whose tenants can't pay the rent due to COVID-19.
- **Item S512**- Emergency Resolution to Appropriate, Allocate, and Expend \$5,000,000 in CARES Act Federal Funding to Provide Childcare Vouchers for Essential Workers and Other Vulnerable Populations. I voted yes.
- **Item 332** - Substantial Amendment to the FY 2020 Action Plan and FY 2020 - FY 2024 Consolidated Plan for HUD Programs, FY 2021 Annual Action Plan and Associated Actions. I voted yes.

The complete agenda can be found [here](#). Archived minutes can be found [here](#).

County News

5/19 - County Approves Plan to Request Accelerated Reopening

The County Board of Supervisors approved two measures intended to allow the region to accelerate the reopening of the local economy. Under the first, the County will submit a plan to the governor's office that, if approved, would move San Diego further into Stage 2 of the California Resiliency Roadmap in the coming days.

Under the proposal, in-person dining at restaurants and retail shopping would be allowed, as long as businesses enact social distancing measures and follow various restrictions to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus.

Article [here](#).

5/15 - Additional COVID-19 Test Sites Opening

The County Health and Human Services Agency announced that the region's COVID-19 testing is expanding, with new sites being added in central and southeastern San Diego.

News County testing sites include:

- San Diego County Credit Union Stadium in Mission Valley - Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 - Appointment needed via 2-1-1

New State testing sites include:

- Tubman-Chavez Center at 415 Euclid Avenue, San Diego, CA
 - Appointment needed via <http://www.lhi.care/covidtesting> or (888) 634-1123
- San Diego County Assessor Office at 200 S. Magnolia Avenue, El Cajon, CA
 - Appointment needed via <http://www.lhi.care/covidtesting> or (888) 634-1123

Article [here](#).

Current Cases in San Diego County

As of 5 p.m. 5/19:

- Total Cases in San Diego County: 6,026
 - 0-9 years: 81 cases

- 10-19 years: 209 case
- 20-29 years: 985 cases
- 30-39 years: 1,134 cases
- 40-49 years: 982 cases
- 50-59 years: 1,085 cases
- 60-69 years: 693 cases
- 70-79 years: 442 cases
- 80+ years: 408 cases
- Age unknown: 7
- Hospitalized Cases: 1,136
- Intensive Care Cases: 346
- Deaths: 222

Source [here](#).

State News

5/19 - Governor's Task Force on Business and Jobs Recovery Urges Congress to Pass Emergency Relief for State & Local Governments

Members of Governor Newsom's Task Force on Business and Jobs Recovery sent a letter to congressional leaders asking them pass \$1 trillion in direct relief for state and local governments – funding that is critical to reopening our economies.

A copy of the Task Force's letter can be found [here](#). Press release [here](#).

5/15 - Governor Newsom Statement on HEROES Act Vote

A copy of Governor Newsom's statement following the House's vote on the HEROES Act can be found [here](#).

Federal News

5/15 - House Passes \$3 Trillion Aid Bill (HEROES Act)

The House passed a \$3 trillion pandemic relief package on Friday to send aid to struggling state and local governments and another round of direct \$1,200 payments to taxpayers.

Article [here](#).

Local Resources

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Disaster Relief Assistance for Immigrants

In response to the COVID-19, California is providing one-time state-funded disaster relief assistance to undocumented adults who are ineligible for other forms of assistance, including assistance under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and pandemic unemployment benefits, because of their immigration status.

This state funding is expected to reach about 150,000 undocumented adults.

More information [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

Doctor's referral and an appointment through 2-1-1 are required for testing at County sites.

County Testing Locations:

- Live Well Center at Chula Vista, 690 Oxford Street, Chula Vista, CA 91911
 - 1 – 7 p.m. Monday to Friday
- SDCCU Stadium
 - Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- County's Live Well on Wheels Mobile Office
 - Saturdays at 292 Euclid Ave San Diego, CA

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 coming 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.