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May 28, 2020: COVID-19 News Update

Dear Neighbors,

Tomorrow, May 29, beginning at 10 a.m., after 18 long months of negotiations from which the public and the Council have been excluded, the City Council will finally be hearing and voting on the Purchase and Sale Agreement of the Mission Valley site to San Diego State as required by Measure G which the voters approved in November 2018. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our city requires SDSU to build a beautiful river park, a multi-purpose stadium, affordable housing and educational facilities. SDSU is paying fair market value of \$87 million for this land at a time the city faces enormous revenue declines. In addition, taxpayers will no longer be paying for the \$1 million per month of expenses to operate the site.

I have been an advocate for this project since day one, and now I urge all of you to stand beside me in saying this deal must happen. Please contact your councilmember to let them know your opinion, and/or submit public comment tomorrow during the meeting by dialing 619-541-6310, entering the access code "877861" and then pressing '#'.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara Bry".

Council President Pro Tem

"How's Small Business?" Social Media Feature Series

Last week I was sad to hear about the permanent closure of one of San Diego's favorite restaurants, Whisknadle in La Jolla. For more than a dozen years, Arturo Kassel's eatery featured some of the best "farm to table" comfort food in San Diego. It closed because the owners could not see a viable path forward in a post-coronavirus world.

Although Catania, the family's other restaurant, remains open, the grim reality is that more restaurants and other small businesses will not survive this pandemic. These businesses are an important part of our economy and our community. They are make San Diego and our neighborhoods unique.

That's why I'm launching "How's Small Business?" Over the next few weeks, my Facebook page will feature a different D1 business speaking candidly about its struggles during this unprecedented time. Look for it among upcoming posts on my [Facebook](#) and Instagram (BarbaraBryD1) accounts.

Restaurants are now permitted to offer onsite dining—an important step in re-opening our economy. Please familiarize yourself with [safety restriction related to eating out](#) for the sake of your safety as well as those around you.

District News

Recommendation to Close Stretches of Wall Street and Avenida de la Playa to Vehicles in La Jolla

Council President Pro Tem Bry solicited the Village Merchants Association's request to close Wall Street between Girard and the Old Post Office, and Avenida de la Playa between El Paseo Grande and Calle de la Plata and shared this request with Mayor Faulconer.

Closing these streets to cars will provide restaurants with outside dining areas that will allow them to serve more customers while adhering to new seat spacing regulations.

Recommendation for Slow Streets in La Jolla

The Council President Pro Tem shared the La Jolla Community Planning Association's recommendation for areas along Coast Blvd and Hillside Drive to be considered for the Slow Street program by Mayor Faulconer.

City News

5/26 Mayor, City Attorney to Use Transformed Motel to Help Homeless Families

Mayor Faulconer and City Attorney Elliott announced plans to use a transformed Super 8 motel in the Egger Highlands community to temporarily serve families and children experiencing homelessness amid COVID-19.

Press release [here](#).

5/21 San Diego Scientists Making Headway in Global Effort to Treat COVID-19

As San Diego continues to flatten the curve and begins to safely reopen restaurant dining and in-store shopping, in his daily conference, the Mayor highlighted the encouraging progress the local life-science industry is making in the global effort to develop treatments and vaccines to combat COVID-19.

Press release [here](#).

5/20 San Diego's Small Business Relief Fund to Top \$20 Million

The Mayor proposed resources be made available to San Diego small businesses to top \$20 million by allocating \$13 million in federal CARES Act funding to help small businesses get back on their feet.

Council President Pro Tem (CPPT) and Budget Review Committee Chair Bry supported this move in her budget priority memo, with some proposed requirements. Please see CPPT Bry's budget priorities memorandum [here](#).

Press release [here](#).

5/19 Mayor Boosts Childcare, Housing for Homeless and Small Businesses in Budget Update

The Mayor released an updated Fiscal Year 2021 budget proposal, often referred to as the May Revise. In response, Council President Pro Tem (CPPT) and Budget Review Committee Chair Bry Issued a final budget priority memorandum.

Council President Pro Tem Bry's memorandum demands zero cuts to neighborhood services like libraries, recreation centers, code enforcement and tree trimming. Please see her memorandum [here](#).

Updated version of the Mayor's FY21 budget proposal [here](#). Press release [here](#).

The Office of the Independent Budget Analyst will release its final report on recommended City Council modifications to the Mayor's Proposed FY 2021 Budget and May Revision on June 3, and Council will vote to approve the budget shortly thereafter.

County News

Information for Reopening Offices

Those seeking information on office openings should visit [this website](#) to review the necessary safety requirements. Please note that workplaces will need to complete a [Safe Reopening Plan](#), post it at the office location and distribute it to employees.

If you have specific questions that are not covered in the plan or online resource, please email Covid19businessquestions@sdcounty.ca.gov.

5/26 - Places of Worship, Hair Salons and Barbershops Can Open with Modifications

Houses of worship, hair salons and barbershops can all resume services, but must implement a variety of safety measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the County Health and Human Services Agency announced today. All must complete and post the [County's Safe Reopening Plan](#) before opening.

Article [here](#).

5/26 - Changes to Health Order

The County also announced several additional changes to its public health order today. Going forward, all businesses will have to implement temperature and health screenings for employees. Businesses must also ensure that all employees wear facial coverings and maintain physical distancing.

Article [here](#).

5/22- County to Offer COVID-19 Testing in Rural Communities, Other Areas

The County will be opening sites in rural communities and other areas of the region. New locations will be staffed with first responders from CAL FIRE and the San Diego County Fire Authority.

Drive-up testing sites will be available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in five rural communities. An appointment is necessary, and you can make one by calling 2-1-1. The sites will be on:

- May 26: Julian Library, 1850 Highway 78, Julian, CA 92036
- May 27: Pine Valley Fire Station 44 (OLD), 28850 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley, CA 91962
- May 28: Valley Center Library, 29200 Cole Grade Road, Valley Center, CA 92082
- May 29: Borrego Springs Library, 2580 Country Club Road, Borrego Springs, CA 92004
- May 30: Potrero Library, 24883 Potrero Valley Road, Potrero, CA 91963

Article [here](#).

5/20- Face Coverings to Be Required When Restaurants, Stores Open

Health officials want people to know that face coverings and physical distancing are required when entering reopened businesses.

Article [here](#).

Current Cases in San Diego County

As of 5 p.m. 5/27:

- Total Cases in San Diego County: 6,0983
 - 0-9 years: 108 cases
 - 10-19 years: 283 case
 - 20-29 years: 1,205 cases
 - 30-39 years: 1,319 cases
 - 40-49 years: 1,116 cases
 - 50-59 years: 1,241 cases
 - 60-69 years: 788 cases
 - 70-79 years: 478 cases
 - 80+ years: 441 cases
 - Age unknown: 4
 - Hospitalized Cases: 1,271
 - Intensive Care Cases: 377
- Deaths: 255

Source [here](#).

State News

5/22 - Governor Newsom Launches California Connected – California’s Contact Tracing Program and Public Awareness Campaign

Governor Newsom launched California Connected, the state’s comprehensive contact tracing program and public awareness campaign.

As part of California Connected, public health workers from communities across the state will connect with individuals who test positive for COVID-19 and work with them, and people they have been in close contact with, to ensure they have access to confidential testing, as well as medical care and other services to help prevent the spread of the virus.

Press release [here](#).

5/19 - Governor Newsom Signs Executive Order on Actions in Response to COVID-19

Governor Newsom issued an executive order addressing a variety of issues in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The order:

- helps ease the strain on domestic violence service providers by waiving the 10 percent cash or in-kind matching requirements for state grants awarded to these organizations.
- waives the deadline to verify grade point average and waives certain certification requirements and selective service registration verification for Cal Grant applicants.
- suspends programmatic deadlines for entities that receive funding from the Energy Commission for the development and deployment of new technologies that support the state’s clean energy and decarbonization goals.
- extends the timeframe for local governments to submit claims for reimbursement to the State Controller’s Office.

A copy of the order can be found [here](#). Press release [here](#).

Local Resources

Children Who Received Free or Reduced-Price Meals at School are Eligible for up to \$365 of Pandemic-EBT

Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT) will provide families with a debit card, preloaded with \$365 per eligible child, so they can buy groceries while school is closed due to COVID-19. P-EBT was developed for families with children that would normally receive free or reduced price breakfast or lunch at school.

Families of students who receive CalFresh, Medi-Cal or Foster Care services will automatically receive this card in the mail by May 25th. If a student receiving one of these services doesn't get their card in the mail by May 25, please call (877) 328-9677. All other families with students who were receiving free or reduced-price breakfast or lunch will need to apply at www.ca.p-ebt.org by June 30th to receive benefits.

6/3 at 2 p.m. Webinar: Leading Effectively Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic

Join co-hosts Dr. Undraye Howard and Dr. Sheryl White as they facilitate a discussion on ethical, health and legal factors that must be considered to successfully led, reopen, and deliver services amid the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Special guests include Dwight Smith, Legal Counsel/GM at the Neighborhood House Association in San Diego, CA, Dr. Suzanne Afflalo, Medical Director for the Alliance Health Clinic in San Diego, CA, and Dr. Durryle Brooks, Research Associate at John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Department of Epidemiology.

Zoom link [here](#).

SDG&E Assistance for Business Customers

SDG&E is taking steps to provide assistance to business customers during this time, here a few resources available to business customers affected by COVID:

- Payment Arrangements for Utility Bills - If a business customer is having difficulty paying their energy bill, they can request a payment arrangement online through "My Account" or at 1-800-336-7343. Late payment fees for business customers have also been waived for customers affected by COVID.
- Checking Small Businesses are on the Right Rate Plan - With businesses closed for several months, energy usage may have decreased and provide an opportunity to be on a different rate that may potentially lower the utility bill. To find the right plan, small businesses can view our pricing plan comparison in "My Account" or by calling 1-800-336-7343.
- Finding Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) - SDG&E has put together [a list of PPE suppliers](#) with some located locally to support the local economy.
- Customer Assistance Programs - Those who recently lost their job, even if they are receiving unemployment benefits, may be eligible for SDG&E's Customer Assistance Programs. More information [here](#).
- Supplier Quick Pay Program (SQPP) for SDG&E suppliers - Qualified small businesses with direct contracts with SDG&E could improve their cash flow and working capital and get paid faster. To qualify, please complete this [enrollment form](#).

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
- Various Rural Locations
 - More information [here](#)

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.