

LACAVA'S COLUMN

December Edition

December 5, 2022

Friends,

The Holidays are upon us. Another year is almost in the books. We are all older and hopefully wiser, looking forward to quality time with family, friends, and our favorite meals. This season also marks the 74th San Diego City Council Inauguration. The event is on December 12, 2022, at the Central Library's Neil Morgan Auditorium in downtown San Diego. It is open to the public and you are welcome.

The year's end is a time of reflection, and more so for me due to the inauguration. I am halfway through my term as your District 1 representative. I am reminded of the oath of office that I swore to in December 2020 and all I have experienced since then. I promised to lead from my values; work with and be responsive to the district; tell you what you need to know and not what you want to hear; and get things done.

As we bid farewell to (part of) University City, I am making good on my promises. We expanded their banner district and Neighborhood Watch; installed the Lakewood and Governor traffic signal; funded the South UC Library expansion design; and so much more. It was my honor and privilege to work alongside community leaders like Diane Ahern, Barry Berstein, Chris Nielsen, Ruth DeSantis, Debbie Knight, Andy Wiese, and Barbara Gellman to name a few.

I pledge anew my services to all of District 1 and welcome Pacific Beach, our newest District 1 neighborhood. Accomplishments have been achieved, yet there is much more to be done.

I wish you the happiest and safest of holidays.

Yours truly,



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DISTRICT 1 NEWS

Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Priorities

In June 2022, City Council changed **a Key Budget Date** to include an additional Councilmember Budget Priority Memorandum in September. The rationale for the change is to better align the Councilmembers' first memorandum with the Mayor's and staff timeline.

The theme of my memorandum was "Back to Basics." Back to Basics means that City leaders prioritize the City's workforce and the delivery of excellent City services, and that aside from public safety, no new general fund positions should be added.

Last year, we added 800 new positions. As of September this year, we had over 2,000 budgeted and vacant positions. These vacancies include 130 in the Parks and Recreation Department, 185 in Development Services, 300 in the Police Department, and 387 in Public Utilities.

We must recruit and retain our workforce. We must offer competitive salaries and incentives to accomplish this.

Please see my full Council District 1 Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Priorities Memorandum [here](#).

Team LaCava

I am pleased to welcome two new team members to District 1.



Carrie Shah is our Pacific Beach representative beginning December 12, 2022. She previously worked with the San Diego Refugee Communities Coalition and the San Diego Community College District's PATH Program. Carrie has her master's degree in International Relations from American University and her bachelor's degree in International Global Studies from UNC-Greensboro. Carrie completed a service year with AmeriCorps Vista where she was the outreach coordinator for a digital inclusion project focused on generating internet access for rural public housing families.



Emily Lynch is our community representative for the Carmel Valley, Del Mar Mesa, Torrey Hills, and Pacific Highlands Ranch communities. Emily has experience working with several national nonprofits and has experience working on local and national political campaigns. She holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science with a minor in Spanish from San Diego State University.

CITYWIDE NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

Free4ME: Supporting Menstrual Equity

In partnership with Youth Will, Planned Parenthood, and Invest in San Diego Families, I worked with City staff to advance menstrual equity in the City. Starting in 2023, the City will provide tampons and pads in 50 City libraries, pools, and teen recreation centers in all council districts with free access. Period Poverty is real, and no one should choose between a tampon or food.

What Was on the Docket?

(a sampling from 9/13 through 11/15)

DATE	ITEM	VOTE	D1 VOTE
9/13/22	Amending Council Policies and the Municipal Code for Community Planning Group reform (CPG Reform 600-24)	Approved 6-1	Yes
9/13/22	Exclusive Negotiation Agreement with Midway Rising for the potential future leasing and redevelopment of the City-owned site on Sports Arena Boulevard in the Midway Area	Approved 7-1	Yes
9/20/22	Water rate increases pursuant to increases in the wholesale cost of water charged by San Diego County Water Authority	Approved Unanimously	Yes
10/10/22	Zero Emission Municipal Building and Operations Policy	Approved Unanimously	Yes Amended to apply to all city-owned buildings
10/31/22	Audit of Code Enforcement Division	Informational Only	Informational Only Audit conducted at Councilmember LaCava's request
11/14/22	Sidewalk Vendor Ordinance to take effect in the Coastal Zone	Approved Unanimously	Yes
11/15/22	Single-Use Plastic Reduction	Approved 7-1	Yes

DISTRICT 1 GETS IT DONE

Thank you to all the residents who contacted us and engaged with my office the past few months. If you would like to report an issue in your community, do not hesitate to reach out to my community representatives via email or phone – we are here working for you.

Community "Win" Monthly Highlights

La Jolla

Sidewalk Vending

Worked to enforce Sidewalk Vending Ordinance on our boardwalks and in our shoreline parks with no reduction in protections.

Corrective action taken at La Jolla Hermosa Park

The channel in Bird Rock's La Jolla Hermosa Park became blocked, diverting stormwater, and eroding the bluff. After considering several options,

City Park & Recreation dispatched City crews to take corrective action.



Thank you, Ty Santineau and Lee Babler, City of San Diego Parks & Recreation Department



Sidewalk Installation

Installation of a crosswalk on La Jolla Scenic Drive North at Sugarman Drive. We thank Shea Buckley for bringing this to our attention and for your use of Get It Done!



Padding Installation

Padding installed on the southeast Bird Rock Joint Use baseball field.

Carmel Valley

Overgrowth Cleared

I-5 Freeway overpass medians on Del Mar Heights Road were cleared of weeds and overgrowth.

Carmel Mission Park

16 lights in Carmel Mission Park replaced.

Traffic Control

Secured traffic control signage at Pacific Sky Elementary School.

Torrey Hills

Ocean Air

Ocean Air Joint Use Field drainage issue solved by Parks and Recreation staff.

Trash Cleared

Trash, including a mattress, removed from the Public Right of Way on Calle Mar de Mariposa.

Torrey Pines

Streetlights

Streetlights replaced on Minorca Cove.

Paving

Bahama Cove repaved.

University City

Overgrowth Cleared

Medians cleared of weeds and overgrowth on Governor Drive, Regents Road, and Genesee Avenue.

Construction Materials

Construction materials removed from the west dead end of Governor Drive.



Traffic Signal

Traffic signal activated on Governor Drive at Lakewood Street.

City staff and crews activate the traffic signal, Governor Drive at Lakewood Street

Torrey Pines Fire Station

Groundbreaking for the new Torrey Pines Fire Station, fully electric, along with the purchase of an EV (and diesel) fire engine.



Artist rendering of FS 52 located on UCSD campus off North Torrey Pines Road, south of Genesee Avenue

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Constituent services are Job One in my council office. My reps attend your community's monthly meetings and are your gateway to work with City staff to resolve your issues. You are always welcome and encouraged to reach out to us from anywhere in the District or the City.

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Venessa Jackson will direct your call to the staff best suited to respond to your issue.

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Team LaCava excited for @harryscoffeshop after SDSU Tobacco Product Waste Reduction Clean Up: <https://merg.sdsu.edu/tpwr-project/>.