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## 87% of San Diegans polled support San Diego Police Salary Increase & "Back the Blue"



**Det. Jack Schaeffer**, VP San Diego Police Officers Association (Upper Right), **Rachael Allen** Mayor's Advisory Board on Police and Community Relations (Bottom Left), & **Steph Groce**, Chair, Human Relations Commission (Bottom Right)

### **Public Safety is the first obligation of government.**

Our police do a great job, but with current staffing levels, they are stretched to the maximum. The City of San Diego has a very serious challenge with recruitment of new officers and the retention of experienced officers. The City Council will vote in the near future to approve a pay increase for our police officers to bring the department in line with other law enforcement departments in San Diego County.

Last week, residents, business owners and community members came together to encourage the City Council to "Back the Blue" with more competitive salaries to prevent experienced officers from leaving the department. I encourage all San Diegans to reach out to their elected Councilmembers and tell them you support the police and encourage them to do the same.

# LAS VEGAS UNSUNG HEROES HONORED



You never know how you will respond when faced with a life or death situation. As horrific as the Las Vegas shooting was, it certainly brought out the best in some San Diegans. We took time out of our council meeting to honor Ocean Beach resident **Taylor Winston**, and **Jenn Lewis**. We also recognized SDPD Officer **Max Verduzco**, Officer **Tom McGrath**, his wife, **Tiffany McGrath**, and the many other unsung heroes who helped their fellow concert-goers to safety.



**Taylor Winston** (above) and his girlfriend **Jenn**, along with others helped create makeshift hospitals and made trips to the local hospital transporting two dozen victims.



Officer **Max Verduzco** (middle left) pushed back a fence so concert-goers could escape gunfire, directed people to cover, and aided the wounded. Officer **Tom McGrath** (bottom left) helped his wife, **Tiffany McGrath**, but also ran through the concert grounds treating the wounded with makeshift tourniquets.

# MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK



We are grateful for the many local hospitals, organizations, research centers, clinicians that work tirelessly to improve the lives of individuals with mental illness, as well as their families. I was proud to recognize these organizations that fight the stigma of mental illness, offer supportive programs, educate the public and advocate for stronger services and improved research on mental health. Thank you to the 17 mental healthcare organizations and 50 representatives who came to council to proclaim "Mental Illness Awareness Week" in the City of San Diego.

## PAC ARTS FILM FESTIVAL



Pictured Above:: Former Exec Dir. **Lee Ann Kim**, Board Chair **Stephen Chin**, Exec. Dir. **Kent Lee**, and other community members.

It was an entertaining night supporting the Pacific Arts Movement at its Chew the Scene kick-off event of the 18th Annual San Diego Asian Film Festival that runs from November 9th to the 18th. This year's Festival will showcase over 150 films from more than 20 countries. Thank you to all of the partners, vendors and donors that work to make this Festival a yearly success.

# OUT & ABOUT WITH LORIE



## Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic violence cuts across all genders, races, and sexual orientations, and is all too often kept behind closed doors. I joined San Diego City Attorney **Mara Elliott** and Councilmember **Barbara Bry** to shine a light on this problem in San Diego and declared October 2017 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month."



## Sprouts Farmers Market Grand Opening!

Congratulations to Sprouts Farmers Market on the grand opening of their new store! This is a welcomed addition to our Clairemont communities of Bay Park and Bay Ho.



## Tecolote PONY Youth Baseball All-Star World Series Champions Day

There was no need to watch the Major League Baseball Playoffs when we already had a World Series Champion in our own backyard. Congratulations to our Tecolote Youth Baseball All-Star Team for winning the Pinto 8U Division West Zone World Series!



Councilmember Zapf with NTC Foundation Exec. Dir. **Alan Ziter**, (Left) and **Lisa Johnson**, Chair NTC Foundation Board of Directors (Right)

## Liberty Station Arts District

We had an amazing celebration at The Arts District at Liberty Station. The Arts District has had 10 years of unprecedented growth, accomplishments, and community impact. Thank you to the arts, business, civic and philanthropic leaders who have made it happen!