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1) Councilmember Ward was sworn in to the California Coastal Commission as alternate to Chula Vista Councilmember Steve Padilla. 2) University Heights makes the cover of San Diego Magazine "Best Places to Live" edition. 3) Councilmember Ward discussing the resources invested in implementing system changes to address homelessness in a coordinated manner with regional partners. 4) Councilmember Ward speaking at the 36th Annual Chinese New Year Fair in downtown's Chinese Historical District.

Councilmember Ward serves on the following:

Chair, Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations

Chair, Council Select Committee on Homelessness

Vice-Chair, Regional Task Force on the Homeless

Member, SANDAG Public Safety Committee

Alternate Member, California Coastal Commission

Vice-Chair, Budget Committee

Member, Infrastructure Committee

Member, Rules Committee

Vice-Chair, Regional Task Force on the Homeless San Diego

Dear Neighbors:

We've made impactful strides recently to address public health and safety concerns related to homelessness, while expanding shelter opportunities and programs to transition homeless individuals into housing faster, but there's still much to do. My approach to homelessness is guided by the principles of housing-first, coordinated-entry and data-driven strategies, decriminalization, and balancing health and safety concerns of our communities with the rights and needs of people who are living in deplorable conditions.

During my tenure as the Vice-Chair of the Regional Task Force on the Homeless (RTFH), I have invested time and resources into system changes so we as a city are better equipped to address homelessness through coordination with our regional partners and the implementation of best practices. The RTFH has made significant progress advancing policy, leveraging data management, and leading the community to provide solutions.

This month, I brought together regional leaders to discuss strategies underway to address homelessness in a coordinated manner throughout San Diego County. We were fortunate to be joined by Former Houston Mayor Annise Parker. Mayor Parker highlighted her success in effectively ending veteran homelessness, significantly reducing Houston's overall homeless population and discussed opportunities to improve our regional response in San Diego. Our goal is to ensure we are keeping our region engaged, informed, and on the same page. This is a region wide crisis that will take a regional response and I thank my fellow councilmembers and mayors for joining the discussion and working collaboratively.

As Chair of the Select Committee on Homelessness, I have been aggressively pursuing solutions to our ongoing homelessness crisis. At our next hearing on April 9th, I will lead a discussion on how the City of San Diego can best utilize workforce development programs for the homeless. Our goal will be to develop a framework for programs to provide a livable wage and assist individuals in securing gainful employment.

March 2018

DISTRICT 3

San Diego's New Chief of Police

David Nisleit was recently confirmed by City Council to serve as the City of San Diego's 35th Chief of Police, starting on March 2, 2018. He is a native San Diegan and grew up in the Rolando Community. Chief Nisleit began his career with the San Diego Police Department in February 1988, following his father's footsteps, retired Captain Randy Nisleit.

David has worked many of the Department's patrol commands and has extensive investigative experience. His prior assignments include Assistant Chief of Patrol Operations, Watch Commanders Office, Headquarters Front Counter, Homeless Outreach Team, Special Operations, Investigations II (Robbery, Gangs, and Homicide), field lieutenant, SWAT, Special Events, Narcotic Team 10, Sex Crimes, and Internal Affairs.

Over the last several months I worked closely with city staff and community members to ensure an open and inclusive search process that incorporated feedback from the public. I'm optimistic about Chief Nisleit and encouraged by his commitment to community accessibility.

Please join me for a community conversation with our new chief on April 2nd at the LGBT Community Center (3909 Centre Street San Diego, CA 92103) at 5 PM. I hope to see you there.



Resolution opposing opening our coastal waters to oil and drilling

This month, City Council voted to approve a resolution in opposition to the Trump Administration's proposal to open our coastal waters to oil and gas drilling. Before the vote, I joined Oceana, SanDiego350 and community activists to send a clear message, San Diegans have been explicit in their opposition to the this administration's callous disregard for protections against drilling.

With one of the most aggressive climate action plans in the country, San Diego is moving away from oil and gas, and towards reliable alternatives that reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and provide a more sustainable city for future generations.

We need to move forward, and drilling off our coast will not be a part of that plan. I want to thank all of those who came to support this resolution when it was heard at the Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations Committee and the many people who are here today. I join you in the fight to keep our oceans and beaches clean and I was happy to bring this resolution forward.



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Councilmember Ward Community Meetings:

We look forward to seeing you soon out in the community at one of our upcoming events:

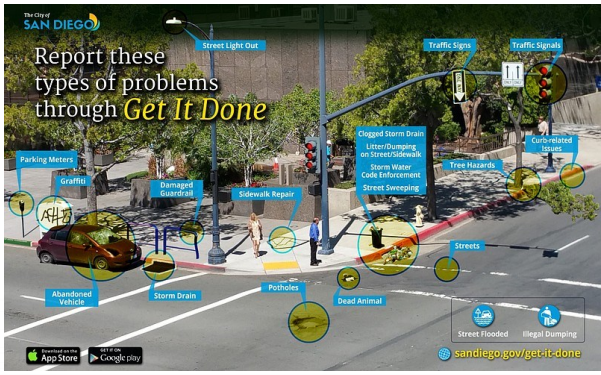
- **Community Office Hours:** March 28, 4:00pm—6:00pm, Golden Hill Rec Center, 2600 Golf Course Drive.
- **Coffee with your Councilmember:** April 07, 10:30am—11:30am, Krakatoa 1128 25th, San Diego, 92102 RSVP

For more information on any of these events, contact my office at ChristopherWard@sandiego.gov or (619) 236-6633.



Councilmember Ward addressing the
University Heights Community Association

Your City at Work
San Diego District 3 / Calendar Year 2017 (January 1st - December 31st)



 STREETS Nearly 48.5 of streets were repaired or sealed.	 POTHOLES 4,584 potholes were repaired.
 TREES 7,628 trees were trimmed.	 GRAFFITI 91,848 square feet of graffiti was abated.
 STREETLIGHTS 1,596 streetlights were repaired.	 SIDEWALKS 16,448 square feet of sidewalks were either repaired or replaced.