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1. Councilmember Ward participating in an in-depth discussion with downtown residents on the City's homeless solutions, countywide work of the Regional Task Force on the Homeless, and moving people into housing.
- 2) Last month, Toni Atkins was sworn in as Senate President Pro Tem. Atkins will be the first woman and LGBT person to serve as the leader of both legislative houses.
- 3) Adams Avenue Street repaving is underway in University Heights. Our office will be pushing for more road maintenance in District 3.
- 4) Councilmember Ward kicked-off the Mission Hills 5k benefiting Grant K-8 this last month!

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



NEWS FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHRIS WARD

Dear Neighbors:

With the anticipated release of Mayor Faulconer's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2019 in the middle of this month we will begin advocating for our neighborhoods through the City's budgetary process. In January, I released a memo defining my budget priorities to develop a spending plan that balances fiscal responsibilities with the need to make bold investments in San Diego's future. My priorities are a reflection of the values of our communities and illustrate my commitment to making San Diego an equitable City that is growing responsibly and addresses the needs of all neighborhoods and residents.

Throughout this budget process I intend to fiercely advocate for solutions to homelessness, create safe and livable neighborhoods, fulfill our Climate Action Plan, and expand initiatives that support the mobility of healthy citizens in a safe, accessible, vibrant San Diego.

BUDGET SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

From Wednesday, May 2nd through Friday, May 4th & Monday May 7th through Wednesday May 9th the Budget Review

Committee will be conducting hearings to evaluate the priorities and needs of each City department and agency. On the following Monday, May 14th, Council will meet to take public input on the FY 2019 proposed budget.

I encourage everyone that is able to participate in this process to attend a budget meeting and if you cannot make it, share with my office what your priorities are. If we get involved, if we make our voices heard, our City budget can truly be an expression of the values we hold. Please visit sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd3 to view my budget priority memo.

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DISTRICT 3

Select Committee on Homelessness

Workforce Development Program

As Chair of the Select Committee on Homelessness, I have been aggressively pursuing solutions to the homeless crisis. The City must remain vigilant about expanding our homeless response and build on current momentum to pursue lasting solutions to help get individuals experiencing homelessness connected with services and housing. In the last year we have increased immediate shelter beds, funded affordable housing projects, and improved access to the coordinated entry system. One critical pillar to addressing the causes of homelessness is employment and I believe we need renewed attention to job training and workforce development.

At the April 9th committee meeting I intend to facilitate a discussion on how we can best utilize workforce development programs for unsheltered San Diegans. Not only does employment increase financial and housing stability but it provides an individual with purpose and self-worth. Cities across the country including Denver, Albuquerque, Stockton, and Portland have created innovative employment models that we will be evaluating in order to work towards a comprehensive program for San Diego.



Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations Committee

This month, the Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations Committee (ED&IR) hosted a series of presentations centered on ways to make significant changes in how we support local business and help create good paying jobs. Representatives from the City's Economic Development Department, Regional Economic Development Corporation, and Center on Policy Initiatives presented research and strategies to provide more effective job training and workforce development programs that will help prepare all San Diegans for the economy of the future. They also explained ways to encourage business growth in new neighborhoods and help support the efforts of small business owners to be active members of their communities.



Recently, I had a chance to speak with local small business owners about how to put those ideas into action during a roundtable in North Park. After hearing similar experiences from business owners about shared challenges in working with the City we discussed ways to improve city services and develop stronger partnerships between the business community. I look forward to working to identify opportunities to help support our small businesses because when our business districts are the heart of District Three neighborhoods. Have an idea of ways to support small business? Email our committee consultant Lucas O'Connor at loconnor@sandiego.gov.

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Transitional Storage Facility

Last month, the City Council approved a lease agreement and operating contract for a transitional storage center at 116 South 20th Street in the community of Sherman Heights.. I've been calling for such a facility for over a year because we know that the ability to safely store belongings is a turning point for an individual experiencing homelessness. Safe storage allows homeless individuals the opportunity to connect with services, find gainful employment, attend school or address their healthcare needs. The facility is in addition to a center currently operating Downtown and will allow for 500 storage bins and restrooms for clients .

To address community concerns there will be additional environmental services within a half-mile and increased police patrol. This storage facility must work for the clients it will serve and the neighborhoods that surround it. I ensured these community protections were in place in the approved motion to minimize the impact of this facility on San Diego residents.



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.