



The People's Councilmember
Monica Montgomery
Council District 4

Important COVID-19
Updates for
July 17, 2020

Dear Community,

On March 12, 2020, I issued my [initial statement](#) on the COVID-19 pandemic. During the four months since the issuance of that initial statement, we have maintained the **activation of our Emergency Communications Protocols**. We have been answering your emails seven (7) days a week.

My office has worked diligently to connect our residents with food security and economic resources, disseminate accurate information, and provide constant reassurance that we are all in this together. It is going to take all of us to tackle the ongoing impacts of the pandemic.

From the beginning, one of my main pillars of governance and a priority for this office has been **Economic Opportunity for All**. One of the most devastating impacts of this pandemic has been the widening of the inequity gap for this community, as well as exacerbating many key issues that have plagued our city for decades and have had a disparate impact on our **vulnerable** communities. No matter what lies ahead of us, **we are continuing our grassroots movement to “flatten the curve on inequity.”** Here’s news you can use for this update.

COVID-19 Tracker

The most recent [county public health order](#) went into effect on July 15. In addition to continuing the stay-at-home order, with noted exceptions for essential and reopened businesses, the order also established guidelines on filing a safe reopening plan for businesses, including [sanitation protocols and physical distancing requirements](#).

In response to the alarming spread of COVID-19 in the state of California, [the state public health order](#) closed indoor operations statewide for restaurants, wineries, movie theatres, family entertainment, zoos and museums, and card rooms. Bars must close all operations.

[The number of cases is particularly alarming for zip codes in our district](#). Please continue to follow the public health orders by washing hands thoroughly, practicing physical distance of 6 ft. when out in public, wear a face covering, and stay home whenever feasible. No appointment necessary COVID-19 Testing is available at Tubman-Chavez, 415 Euclid.

Road Map to Reimagining Policing & Public Safety

This week, the Councilmember unveiled her [Road Map to Reimagining Policing & Public Safety](#) ahead of the [Public Safety & Livable Neighborhoods \(PSLN\) Committee meeting](#). The road map outlined goals, guiding principles, and the policy action plan progress scorecard for tackling systemic racism and the barriers to police accountability and transparency. To read the complete road map, please click [here](#).

The Surveillance Ordinance, included on the road map, was approved at this PSLN meeting and will be sent to full Council for consideration. The Privacy Commission, also included on the road map, will be considered by the Rules Committee, at a future date. This was the first PSLN meeting to convene since the outbreak.

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FACT SHEET
Road Map to Reimagining Policing & Public Safety

Foundation for Reimagining Policing & Public Safety

For more than half a decade, we have been faced with mounting data that racial bias and profiling does exist in San Diego law enforcement and public safety departments. A 2016 SDSU study found that [Black and Latino drivers were more likely to be searched](#) following a traffic stop and yet less likely to be found with contraband than White counterparts. Subsequently, [Campaign Zero](#) evaluated the policing practices of the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) and San Diego Sheriff's Department (SDSD) and found that SDPD stopped Black People at a 219% rate higher than White people, and SDSD were 21% more likely to search, 18% more likely to arrest and 47% more likely to use force against Black people during a stop.

There has been a groundswell of demand from community organizers and activists for police accountability and transparency. This fact sheet offers goals, a progress scorecard, and the crucial work that remains to address the systemic racism that is prevalent in local law enforcement. The collaborative work depicted in this broad road map is just the beginning to reimagining policing and public safety.

Goals

- Community reconciliation to **heal past trauma**
- Develop **more police accountability & transparency** measures
- Shape policy with **holistic approach** to reform that includes **economic and social justice components**
- Divert funding** to more community programs that will better serve residents
- Rebuild trust** between communities of color and law enforcement
- End systemic racism**

219%

The San Diego Police Department stopped Black people at a 219% higher rate than White people.

Campaign Zero Report

"The issue is not the split-second decisions that police officers must make. The issue is the culture, the training, the beliefs and perceptions about our communities of color that surround police officers, long before they need to make split-second decisions." Councilmember Montgomery's UT Op-Ed, September 2019

Guiding Principles

- Equity
- Procedural Justice
- Community-oriented Public Safety
- Dignity in Treatment
- Reconciliation

Policy Action Plan Progress Scorecard

Reimagining Policing and Public Safety involves a collaboration between policymakers, grassroots organizations, activists, and community organizers. Under Councilmember Montgomery's leadership, the progress has been deliberate and requires ongoing commitment and dedication.

The following outlines the policy action plan progress scorecard for policing & public safety:

- Councilmember Montgomery appointed chair of the Public Safety & Livable Neighborhoods (PSLN) Committee (December 2018)
- [Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods 2019 Workplan Pledges to Tackle Police Reform](#), the Councilmember unveils [aggressive plan](#) for police accountability & transparency measures (February 2019)
- [AB 392 San Diego City Council Resolution](#), in partnership with Assemblymember Dr. Shirley Weber's office, AB 392 redefines police use of lethal force standards (Council approved May 2019)
- [The Peace Movement: Let's Live, Let's Love](#), launched as a holistic public safety initiative to quell violence that includes short and long-term goals, and economic justice components (July 2019) -more-

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Policy Action Plan Progress Scorecard - more-

- Ban on the Carotid Restraint**, included on the PSLN work plan, and after years of advocacy by Racial Justice Coalition, Chief Nisleit issues ban. (June 2020)
- Office of Race & Equity**, as part of Councilmember Montgomery's budget request, this office will be established to evaluate and provide training to our city departments, rooting out policies and procedures that perpetuate racial inequity. It will also strengthen our community partnerships with economic, racial and social justice organizations. (June 2020)
- Request for comprehensive analysis of SDPD's budget** by the Independent Budget Analyst (IBA) for the purpose of identifying reprogramming opportunities. (June 2020)
- MTS Diversion Pilot Program**, as championed by Councilmember Montgomery, seeks to decriminalize fare violators and reduces fines, offers more payment options, a community service option in lieu of payment and a new appeal window. (MTS Board approved June 2020)
- Historic Motion during approval of the Appropriations Ordinance**, nearly \$29 million was held back for possible mid-year reprogramming opportunities after the Councilmember's historic motion. (June 2020)
- Independent Commission on Police Practices Ballot Measure**, in November, voters will decide in on establishing a community-led oversight commission with independent counsel, investigative authority and subpoena power. (July 2020)
- Surveillance Ordinance and Privacy Commission**, to be considered at PSLN Committee Meeting. (July 15, 2020)

"We must continually work to change the conversation around police reform. We must hold officers accountable for misconduct. I believe this is a matter of public safety and a matter of officer safety." – Councilmember Montgomery, State of the District (January 2020)

Requirements for Addressing Racial Bias

- Admit racial bias exists
- Genuine & honest conversations
- Change the culture of bias
- Change the heart

"As elected officials, our decisions are driven by data. We have data, studies and lived experience about the racial bias and profiling that exists in law enforcement. It is time that we accept and confront this data."

–Councilmember Montgomery, KPBS Community Conversation July 13, 2020

A Look Ahead

The upcoming PSLN policy action plan initiatives:

- Results of the SDPD Budget Review by the IBA (TBD)
- Coalition for Police Accountability & Transparency's (CPAT) PROTECT Package which includes eliminating pretext stops and searches (Fall 2020)
- Ending gang injunctions and documentation (Fall 2020)
- Exploring the limitation of qualified immunity and the money saved annually on lawsuits against SDPD (Winter 2020)

Free Summer Meals Program

This week, the Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with Feeding San Diego, began the summer meals program at twelve (12) City Recreation Centers, including Encanto, MLK, Jr., and Paradise Hills. Albertsons and Nourishing Neighborhoods are also supporting the effort. **Breakfast and lunch are provided during the 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. Monday – Friday service times.**

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Free Summer Meals

Meals available at 12

City of San Diego Parks

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The Parks and Recreation Department has partnered with Feeding San Diego to offer the summer meals program. Grants from the San Diego Parks Foundation, Albertsons and Nourishing Neighborhoods will also support the summer meals program. Breakfast and lunch are provided during service.

FREE Meals for children 18&Under—children are not required to be present to pick up meals

Visit www.feedingsandiego.com/get-help or call 211 for additional distribution sites

Recreation Center	Address	Site Phone	Service Time	End Date
Cesar Chavez	455 Sycamore Road, 92173	619.424.0464	12:00–1:00	8/14/2020
Encanto	6508 Wunderlin Avenue, 92114	619.527.3411	12:00–1:00	8/28/2020
Golden Hill	2600 Golf Course Drive, 92102	619.235.1138	12:00–1:00	8/28/2020
M.L.King Jr	6401 Skyline Drive, 92114	619.527.3415	12:00–1:00	8/28/2020
Montgomery Waller	3020 Coronado Ave, 92154	619.424.0466	12:00–1:00	8/21/2020
Mountain View	641 South Boundary St, 92113	619.527.3417	12:00–1:00	8/28/2020
Paradise Hills	6610 Potomac St, 92139	619.527.3419	12:00–1:00	8/27/2020
San Ysidro	179 Diza Road, 92173	619.424.0472	12:00–1:00	8/14/2020
Silver Wing	3737 Arey Drive, 92154	619.424.0465	12:00–1:00	8/14/2020
South Bay	1885 Coronado Ave, 92154	619.424.0470	12:00–1:00	7/31/2020
Southcrest	4149 Newton Ave, 92113	619.527.3413	12:30–1:30	8/28/2020
Willie Henderson	1035 S. 45th Street, 92113	619.527.8407	12:00–1:00	8/28/2020

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Parks and Recreation

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Best Beverage Catering prepares and delivers meals daily. The Menu will rotate periodically.

Week 1 and 2 Menu

Monday Breakfast: Overnight oats with bananas and honey; seasonal fruit; low-fat milk

Lunch: Turkey and cream cheese roll up with whole wheat tortilla; carrot and celery Sticks with chickpea hummus; low-fat milk

Tuesday Breakfast: Blueberry bagel with cream cheese; seasonal fruit; low-fat milk

Lunch: Grilled chicken pasta salad; cucumber sticks and cherry tomatoes with ranch; seasonal fruit; low-fat milk

Wednesday Breakfast: Honey nut cheerios with banana; seasonal fruit; low-fat milk

Lunch: Ham and cheese sandwich on whole wheat; house made potato chips; sliced carrots and cherry tomato with hummus; seasonal fruit; low-fat milk

Thursday Breakfast: Low fat yogurt with granola and strawberries; seasonal fruit; low-fat milk

Lunch: Bean, Rice, and Cheese Burrito; garden salad with carrots, cucumber and cherry tomatoes; seasonal fruit; low-fat milk

Friday Breakfast: Raisin bran flakes with banana; seasonal fruit; low-fat milk

Lunch: Grilled Chicken Taco Salad with corn, beans, tortilla strips and ranch dressing; seasonal

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COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program

The COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program is aimed at helping low income families who experience financial hardship due to the pandemic. **The program will provide one-time payments up to \$4,000 per qualifying household to help pay past-due or upcoming rent.** The San Diego Housing Commission administers this program on behalf of the City of San Diego. **All payments will be made directly to landlords.**

For more information, including frequently asked questions, please visit:
<https://www.sdhc.org/housing-opportunities/help-with-your-rent/covid-19-rental-assistance/>

No later than July 20, the application will be available online at www.covidapplication.sdhc.org (use this link to apply July 20 – August 7)



COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program

The City of San Diego's COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program helps individuals and families with low income in the City of San Diego who experience financial hardship due to COVID-19.

The program will provide one-time payments of up to \$4,000 per qualifying household to help pay past-due and/or upcoming rent.

The San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) administers this program on behalf of the City of San Diego.

Who Can Receive Help?

Households that meet the following requirements are eligible for help:

- A City of San Diego address.
- Household income in January 2020, at or below 60 percent of the [San Diego Area Median Income](#) (\$64,200 per year or less for a family of four).
- Eligible immigration status (U.S. citizen/U.S. National, lawful permanent resident/conditional permanent resident, a refugee/person seeking asylum or granted asylum).
- Financial hardship directly related to COVID-19.
- NOT currently receiving any rental subsidies.
- NOT currently a tenant of an SDHC-owned/managed property.
- Household savings do NOT meet the household's financial need.

How to Apply

Due to COVID-19 health risks, the application is only available online:

- The application will be available starting no later than July 20, 2020. Applications will be accepted through August 7, 2020.
- Apply at www.covidapplication.sdhc.org

A list of several community organizations able to help individuals and families complete and submit the online application will be available by July 20, 2020:

- Call (619) 578-7794; or
- Visit www.sdhc.org



Programa de Asistencia de Alquiler de Emergencia COVID-19

El Programa de Asistencia de Alquiler de Emergencia COVID-19 de la Ciudad de San Diego ayuda a individuos y familias con bajos ingresos en la Ciudad de San Diego que tienen dificultades financieras debidas al COVID-19.

El programa proporcionará pagos de una sola vez de hasta \$4,000 por hogar calificado para ayudar a pagar el alquiler atrasado y/o a punto de vencerse.

San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC), la Comisión de Vivienda de San Diego, administra este programa en nombre de la Ciudad de San Diego.

¿Quién puede recibir ayuda?

Los hogares que cumplen con los requisitos siguientes son elegibles para recibir ayuda:

- Tener una dirección en la ciudad de San Diego.
- En enero del 2020, los ingresos del hogar eran en o por debajo del 60 por ciento del [Ingreso Medio del Área de San Diego](#) (\$64,200 por año o menos para una familia de cuatro integrantes)
- Estado de inmigración elegible (ciudadano estadounidense, nacional estadounidense, residente legal permanente o residente permanente condicional, refugiado, persona que solicita asilo o a la cual se le ha otorgado asilo).
- Dificultades financieras directamente relacionadas con el COVID-19.
- NO recibe actualmente ningún subsidio de alquiler.
- NO es actualmente un inquilino de una propiedad perteneciente a SDHC o administrada por SDHC.
- Los ahorros del hogar NO satisfacen las necesidades financieras del hogar.

Cómo aplicar

Debido a los riesgos para la salud del COVID-19, la aplicación solo está disponible en línea:

- La aplicación estará disponible a más tardar el 20 de julio de 2020. Se aceptarán solicitudes hasta el 7 de agosto del 2020.
- Visite la página web www.covidapplication.sdhc.org

Una lista de organizaciones comunitarias capaces de ayudar a los individuos y las familias a completar y enviar la solicitud en línea estará disponible antes del 20 de julio de 2020:

- Llame al (619) 578-7794;
- Visite www.sdhc.org

Sincerely,



Councilmember, Fourth Council District