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.

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219% The San Diego Police Department reported Black people as a 219% higher rate than white people. Community Enforcement

Guiding Principles

- Equity
- Procedural Justice
- Community-oriented Public Safety
- Dignity in Treatment
- Inclusion/Reinclusion

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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.

**Free Summer Meals Program**

**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/](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](http://www.covidapplication.sdhc.org) (use this link to apply July 20 – August 7)

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Councilmember, Fourth Council District