The People's Councilmember Monica Montgomery Council District 4

Special Legislative Recess Edition August COVID-19 Update

## August Legislative Recess

Dear Community,

Each year during the month of August, San Diego City Council goes dark for legislative recess. This special edition e-Newsletter contains important updates to help our residents navigate the ongoing impacts of the pandemic and provide details on resources.

For five long months (in response to the pandemic), my office has diligently worked to connect our residents with food security options, employment opportunities, COVID-19 testing locations, as well as keeping you updated on our policy progress at City Hall. We understand the toll the public health and economic crises have taken on our community.

I want to assure each and every one of you that we remain committed to the people in this district. It has taken all of us working together – now more than ever before. I could not be prouder of the people in our community. The grace, dignity and unity have been unparalleled.

I want to thank the *many* grassroots organizations that have energized a faithful base of volunteers to help our community with food distributions, cleanups and other much-needed services. **Good people helping good people is the legacy of our community.** Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Please do not hesitate to email your questions, concerns and constituent issues to <u>cd4news@sandiego.gov</u>. We are here for you.

Jumpstart your job search with San Diego Workforce Partnership's <u>Career Portal</u>. On this portal, you will find job opportunities and resources, including the following:

## **Upcoming Events**

8/20 | Getting LinkedIn Workshop: https://bit.ly/2XY3vM3

8/26 | Online Job Search Strategies: https://bit.ly/31RcQGS

If you are looking for a job, please visit the portal today: https://bit.ly/3fU2Gu9



**JOBS** 

Sincerely,

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Monica Montgomery, Councilmember Fourth Council District



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## Your Voice at City Hall.

### August 4 | Item 331: CARES Act Federal Funding for Small and Disadvantaged Businesses

By unanimous vote, City Council approved this muchneeded small business relief package for our communities of concern. Data shows that the pandemic has disproportionately impacted Black and Brown communities. This funding is a step in the right direction as an investment into helping historically underserved communities of color. We are grateful for the work of the Strategic Alliance of Ethnic Chambers that will help with technical assistance and outreach to disadvantaged businesses hardest hit by the pandemic.



For more information on the Strategic Alliance of Ethnic Chambers: https://www.strategicalliancesd.org/

#### **Contact Information**

- \* Asian Business Association San Diego, 7675 Dagget Street, Suite 340, San Diego, CA 92111. (858) 277-2822
- Central San Diego Black Chamber of Commerce, 404 Euclid Ave #383, San Diego, CA 92114. (619) 269-9400
- Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 404 Euclid Ave #271B, San Diego, CA 92114. (858) 268-0790



### Special City Council Meeting August 6 | Item 601: Gas & Electric Franchises

San Diego City Council was unable to reach a consensus on the motion and recommendations for the Gas & Electric Franchises terms for inclusion in the invitation to bid.

The current franchise agreement with San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) was signed in 1970 and now, after fifty years, it is set to expire in January 2021.

This represents a unique opportunity to negotiate a new agreement.

The recommended minimum bid is \$62 million, which represents one percent (1%) of the combined electric and gas franchises estimated profits of roughly \$6.4 billion over the course of a 20-year agreement.

The Councilmember proposed to raise the minimum bid to \$310 Million (5% of estimated profits) citing that "these are the people's assets" and should not be so undervalued. In addition, the Councilmember fought to prohibit the cost of the minimum bid to pass to ratepayers in the form of rate hikes in the future, and shorter-term limits for increased accountability and better customer service.

More than 80 people took part in the public comment period, including many union members advocating to stick with SDG&E and sign a 25-year agreement. Yet, other callers supported the "municipalization" option helping the City to reach its greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Despite Council's stalemate on recommendations, the City will proceed with an invitation to bid in hopes that the competitive process will lead to multiple companies bidding to win the new franchise agreement for gas and electric services within San Diego's city limits.

# Community. Courage. Consistency.

- Food Security: Free Food San Diego https://www.freefood.org/c/ca-san\_diego
- Census Deadline is NOW September 30: <u>https://2020census.gov/en.html</u>
- DETOUR Fancy: FREE School Supplies Giveaway, Saturday August 15, 2 p.m.
  4 pm., Jacobs Center, 404 Euclid Avenue.
- SDHC Achievement Academy, Zoom Video Workshops on Wednesdays from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. To reserve your space, email <u>achievementacademy@sdhc.org</u> or call Frances Flores at (619) 578 – 7451.

## City of San Diego Nonprofit Academy | September 10

**Registration open** for organizations registered with the IRS as a 501(c)3, a 501(c)4, or a 501(c)6, provides programming or services within the City of San Diego, and enrollment is limited to two (2) representatives from each organization.

## Register here: <u>Eventbrite page</u>.

For more information regarding the virtual City of San Diego Nonprofit Academy, please visit the program's <u>webpage</u>.





# **Safe & Healthy Communities**

Get It Done Days: From August 5 – 7, our D4 Green Team joined forces with volunteers and our neighborhood councils to report ongoing constituent issues using the City's Get It Done app.

RESULTS: Thirty (30) volunteers, over three days, made over 300 reports for illegal dumping, litter, graffiti and other issues exacerbated by the pandemic.



# It takes all of us working together!

# Let's Go To Work.

#### Safe & Healthy Communities Initiatives

As crucial components of our ongoing commitment to have safe and healthy communities, our office has partnered with Caltrans District 11 and Emerald Hills Neighborhood Council for the Adopt-a Highway Program to eliminate litter on SR-94 near Kelton and the efforts of our recent Get It Done Days (see page 3).

Now, our <u>D4 Green Team</u> has partnered with local waste management companies to secure forty-three (43) bins for district-wide cleanups during the entire month of August.

"Dumpster Days" is a responsible way to address illegal dumping in our neighborhoods. Bring your old mattresses, sofas and other debris to a bin near you (see schedule).

Through our combined efforts, we have removed nearly 400 tons of trash from the community since we came into office. We are working hard to deliver on our promise for safe and healthy communities. A clean community is safer and healthier.

# D4 Green Team August Community Clean-Úps

Bins available from 9 AM - 12 PM on each of the following days

	Date	Neighborhood	# of	Location /
As a crucial part	Aug. 14	Bay Terraces	Bins 2	Nearest Intersection 7900 Paradise Valley Rd
of our safe and healthy			1	
communities pillar,	Aug. 15	Redwood Village		Streamview Dr & 55th St
we are launching a month long,		Redwood Village	1	Streamview Dr & Spa St
district-wide		Redwood Village	1	Streamview Dr & Hasty St
clean-up!	Aug. 15	Emerald Hills	3	1012 Derby St
*Bins will close	Aug. 15	Paradise Hills	4	Ablemarle St & Reo Dr
once full	Aug. 20	Rolando Park	2	Zena Dr & Meridian Ave
*Mask Required	Aug. 20	Lincoln Park	2	Reynolds St & S Willie James Jones Ave
"Mask Required	Aug. 21	Encanto		Madera St & Brooklyn Ave
*Must be able to	Aug. 21	Encanto		Weaver St & Republic St
unload items yourself	Aug. 22	Webster	2	Brookline St & Elm St
	Aug. 22	Webster	1	Mary Lou St & A St
No Tires,	Aug. 22	Broadway Heights	1	Charlene Ave & MLK Jr Way
Lightbulbs,	Aug. 22	Broadway Heights	1	Mallard St & Laconia St
Propane Tanks, Hazardous Waste	Aug. 22	Broadway Heights	1	Mandrocillo St & Charlene Ave
or Construction	Aug. 28	Mt. View	1	721 Pasqual St
Debris	Aug. 28	Oak Park	3	3060 54th St
G	Aug. 28	Chollas View	2	Borner St & 46th St
Office of Councilmember	Aug. 28	Lincoln Park	2	Ocean View Blvd & S Willie James Jones Ave
Monica Montgomery	Aug. 28	Valencia Park	1	La Paz Dr & San Bernardo Terrace
	Aug. 28	Valencia Park	1	San Jacinto Dr & Trinidad Way
"We'll Take Care of It"	Aug. 28	Valencia Park	1	San Jacinto Dr & Santa Margarita St
WASTE MANAGEMENT THINK GREEN:	Aug. 29	Alta Vista	2	5930 Division St
REPUBLIC' SERVICES	Aug. 29	Skyline	2	570 65th St

\*Dates are subject to change.\*

# **Dumpster Days of August**

