



The People's Councilmember
Monica Montgomery Steppe
Council District 4

September 25, 2020
COVID-19 Update

Dear Community,

For the past six months, the pandemic has changed every aspect of our daily living. My office has diligently worked to connect our residents with [food security options](#), [employment opportunities](#), [COVID-19 testing locations](#), [economic resources for small and disadvantaged businesses](#), 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.

We spent the August legislative recess hosting dumpster days in all of our communities. Those efforts removed over 80 tons of trash from our neighborhoods (*see page 4*).

With ongoing uncertainty looming, it is important that you have accurate information about this year's voting process.

Here is information for a safe & hassle-free voting experience:

Mail ballots will start going out the week of October 5; you can drop off your ballot at one of the [126 locations in the county](#); if you decide to vote in-person, bring your mail ballot to your polling location to be surrendered. A new ballot will be issued; polls will be open four days, October 31 through November 3; early voting takes place at the Registrar's Office beginning on October 5, Mon - Fri, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Your vote counts. Never let anyone tell you that it doesn't. Now more than ever before, we must exercise our right to vote.

Sincerely,

Monica Montgomery Steppe, Councilmember
Fourth Council District

A safe & hassle-free voting experience: A practical guide.

For the November 2020 Presidential General Election, all voters will be mailed a ballot. This will help to reduce exposure to COVID-19 while allowing you to exercise your right to vote. To protect the health and welfare of all San Diegans, we encourage you to vote your mail-in ballot from the safety and comfort of your home. Here are a few strategies to help make the voting process not only safer, but more convenient as we head into flu season with COVID-19 still looming.

VERIFY YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION

Have you moved or changed your name? Whether you are new to San Diego County or just moved down the street you need to re-register to vote.

You may also deposit your sealed ballot at any one of 124 convenient drop-off locations around the county. Or, you may drop it at the Registrar's office or at any polling place. **Tip:** Mail Ballot Voters who decide to vote at their polling place should BRING their Mail Ballot to be SURRENDERED, then a new ballot will be issued.

WILL THERE BE POLLING PLACES?

Yes. In fact, polling places throughout the county will be open for four days, October 31 through November 3. Be prepared. There will be fewer locations than in prior elections, so your polling place has most likely changed. Be sure to go to your assigned polling location. Visit [sdvote.com](#) or look on the back cover of your sample ballot and voter information pamphlet to find your assigned poll.

If you decide to vote in-person, don't be surprised, lines may be long! Be Vote Ready. Mark your selections on your sample ballot in advance so when you go inside the voting booth, you can quickly fill in the official ballot.

We encourage older adults and people with underlying medical conditions to avoid long lines and crowded polling places by acting early.

If you need to vote in person you should take advantage of early voting:

- At the Registrar's office beginning October 5, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- At your assigned polling place or the Registrar's office Saturday, October 31 through Monday, November 2, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- All will again be open on Election Day when the voting hours will change to 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. but we urge you not to wait. Avoid delays by voting early!

Bring your mask. The Registrar of Voters is adhering to the County's public health orders and will make reasonable accommodations when needed to ensure the health and safety of all election workers, voters and observers to our office and polling places.



YOUR VOTE. YOUR CHOICE. YOUR HEALTH.

Waiting until Election Day can be a hectic time of last-minute decisions. Or with a little preparation, you can vote early, and the experience can be not only safer but more convenient and easier for all. Either way, we will ensure every eligible vote is counted.



***** VOTE SAFER 2020 *****

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Knox • Lomita Village • North Bay Park Terraces • Oak Park •
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South Bay Terraces • Valencia Park • Webster



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Your Voice at City Hall.

September 9 | Update on Streetlight Sensors

The Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods (PS&LN) Committee was set to discuss the supplemental contract and amendment to the Master Purchase Agreement with Ubicquia for services related to the controversial streetlight sensor program. However, the item was pulled from the discussion agenda. Subsequently, Mayor Faulconer ordered the sensors shut off until the oversight framework is in place. Councilmember Montgomery Steppe is leading the charge to establish a surveillance ordinance and privacy advisory commission to bring necessary oversight to the City's various surveillance technologies. As chair of the committee, the Councilmember issued the following statement: **"It was the right decision for City staff to request that this item be pulled from the discussion agenda. There has been consistent push back from community activists and privacy advocates regarding the San Diego Police Department's (SDPD) usage of smart streetlights for crime-solving purposes, without any true accountability or oversight mechanisms in place to govern this usage. The issue is not whether surveillance technology can be used as a public safety tool. The issue is transparency within SDPD. Every decision that we make, in this moment, will either build trust with the community or tear it down. This is why it is imperative that we have an oversight framework in place to set parameters and advise City Council on how, when, and where surveillance technology, such as the streetlight sensors, may be used. No decision should be made until that framework is in place."**

September 15 | Item 332: FY 2021 CDBG Allocation – San Diego Workforce Partnership-TechHire Program

Economic opportunity for all is one of the Councilmember's pillars of governance. In line with her ongoing advocacy efforts for economic justice in District Four, the Councilmember made a motion to allocate \$500,000 of the unallocated FY2021 CDBG Funding to San Diego Workforce Partnership TechHire Program with the following staff direction: 1. Staff to come back to council with an item allocating \$500,000 of the unallocated FY 2021 CDBG Funding for CONNECT2Careers (C2C) City Mentorship Program and; 2. Staff to provide a six month update on the TechHire Program to the PS&LN Committee. In this bold move, the Councilmember made it clear that C2C had better served the youth in Southeastern San Diego with actual leadership development and preparation for jobs with the City of San Diego. The motion passed 8 -1 with the Councilmember sharing these remarks: **"When pulling this item, I sought to learn more about the TechHire Program and to assess the possibility of reallocating funds to the C2C Mentorship Program. This is a conversation of values. We are proposing to support an outside private job placement program and drop a program that prepares job seekers for employment with the City. We must continue to invest in the City of San Diego's own leadership development pipeline through C2C Mentorships. We must support disconnected youth, in an area with high unemployment, during this pandemic. While I appreciate the great work TechHire has done, I can't dismiss the success of C2C Mentorships for the youth in my community."**

Press Conference to Announce the Black Business Relief Grant Fund Tops \$1 Million

On August 31, the Councilmember joined the [Central San Diego Black Chamber of Commerce \(CSDBCC\)](#) and the Mayor to announce that the Black-owned Business Relief Fund had reached \$1 Million. The Councilmember was instrumental in connecting CSDBCC with the \$500,000 in CARES Act funding from the City. The fund also received donations from individuals and corporate sponsors. Over 200 businesses have received aid and 1,000 applications await relief. The Councilmember shared these remarks:

"When we talk about the disproportionate impact of the pandemic on black-owned businesses, we don't have to look any further than my district in Southeastern San Diego. The pandemic has widened the gaps of inequity in many areas that have plagued our city. This moment in our history cries for justice – particularly economic justice that can level the playing field for many disadvantaged businesses. This is the first year that the Central San Diego Black Chamber of Commerce received any funding from City Hall. Today, we have one million reasons to celebrate this achievement. We have faced tremendous disparity over many years. The pandemic has only exacerbated this disparity for all to see."

Support the Black Business Relief Grant Fund

The CSDBCC has created the Black Business Relief Grant Fund with the goal of representing the interests of Black businesses in San Diego County, ensuring that our businesses are equipped with the resources and technical assistance necessary to equitably begin to recover, reopen and rebuild.



Community.
Courage.
Consistency.

RESOURCES

- ✚ **CHILDCARE:** To apply for the YMCA Childcare scholarships, please visit:

<https://www.ymcasd.org/ymca-child-care-scholarships>

- ✚ **RENTAL ASSISTANCE:** To apply for the County of San Diego COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Fund:

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/sdhcd/rental-assistance.html>

- ✚ **GRANTS for Small & Disadvantage Businesses,** please visit: www.sdblackchamber.org and <https://www.sdfoundation.org/black-community-investment-fund/>

- ✚ **CENSUS EXTENDED again until October 31:** complete the census: www.my2020census.gov

RECREATION CENTER FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS THRU 9/30

Recreation Center	Address	Site Phone	Service Time
Cesar Chavez	455 Sycamore Road, 92173	619.424.0464	12:00-1:00
Encanto	6508 Wunderlin Avenue, 92114	619.527.3411	12:00-1:00
Golden Hill	2600 Golf Course Drive, 92102	619.235.1138	12:00-1:00
Martin Luther King Jr.	6401 Skyline Drive, 92114	619.527.3415	12:00-1:00
Montgomery Waller	3020 Coronado Ave, 92154	619.424.0466	12:00-1:00
Mountain View	641 South Boundary St, 92113	619.527.3417	12:00-1:00
Paradise Hills	6610 Potomac St, 92139	619.527.3419	12:00-1:00
San Ysidro	179 Diza Road, 92173	619.424.0472	12:00-1:00
Silver Wing	3737 Arey Drive, 92154	619.424.0465	12:00-1:00
South Bay	1885 Coronado Ave, 92154	619.424.0470	12:00-1:00
Southcrest	4149 Newton Ave, 92113	619.527.3413	12:30-1:30
Willie Henderson	1035 S. 45th Street, 92113	619.527.8407	12:00-1:00
City Heights	4380 Landis Street, 92105	619.641.6105	11:30-12:30
Colina Del Sol	5319 Orange Ave, 92115	619.235.1144	11:00-12:00
North Park	4044 Idaho St, 92104	619.235.1152	11:30-12:30
Stockton	330 32nd St, 92102	619.235.1163	11:00-12:00
Skyline Hills	8285 Skyline Dr, 92114	619.527.3486	11:00-12:00



Grants for Small + Disadvantaged Businesses

Brought to you by the CSDBCC

For criteria details and an application visit
www.sdblackchamber.org



KIPP:
Adelante
PREPARATORY ACADEMY

CURBSIDE GRAB N' GO MEALS

Monday - Friday
Available for anyone
under 18

Lunes - Viernes
Para cualquier menor de 18
años

Breakfast & Lunch
Desayuno & Almuerzo

11:30 AM - 2PM!

Let's Go To Work.

Dumpster Days

Safe & Healthy Communities Initiative

As crucial components of our ongoing commitment to have safe and healthy communities, our **D4 Green Team** partnered with local waste management companies to secure dumpsters for district-wide cleanups during the entire month of August and two weekends of September.

"Dumpster Days" is a responsible way to address illegal dumping in our neighborhoods. We went into 17 neighborhoods with 49 bins and removed 80+ tons of trash.

Thank you to our waste management partners, neighborhood councils, volunteers and the D4 Green Team. It takes all of us working together. We are working hard to deliver on our promise for safe and healthy communities. A clean community is safer and healthier.



Get It Done Casework Illegal Dumping

USING GET IT DONE: Here is an illegal dumping report that we made on 8/31. The report was completed, and case closed on 9/4 with the removal of the items. Get It Done Reports are easy to make. Help us keep our communities safe and healthy. As you see neighborhood issues (illegal dumping, graffiti, potholes, etc.), please report them immediately.

If you have outstanding Get It Done reports or reports marked closed that didn't get addressed, please email cd4news@sandiego.gov. Our office will follow-up. Thank you!

Report Number: 03061353

Current Status:

Closure Reason: Your report has been addressed by the responsible party

Report Date: 8/31/2020 9:22 AM

Report Number: 03061353

Report Category: ESD
Complaint/Report

Report Type: Illegal Dumping

Address: 5274 La Paz Dr, San Diego, CA

Description:
Illegal Dumping - Crates, Wood and Debris

Date Corrected: September 4, 2020

Images: 1

Before Photos:



After Photos:

