The People's Councilmember **Monica Montgomery** Council District 4

Important COVID-19 Weekly Update MARCH 30, 2020

Dear Community,

My office will now provide **weekly** COVID-19 updates on Mondays. At the request of our seniors, we also increased the font size. As we continue to monitor the impacts of the County's indefinite 'stay at home' order on our community, **we will maintain our emergency communications protocols**. We are **answering emails 7 days a week**, connecting residents with economic resources and identifying the various food security options. We are all facing mounting uncertainty, but I am confident that we will get through this if we all do our part. Please continue to send your questions and concerns to <u>cd4news@sandiego.gov</u>.

Food Security: The Salvation Army Kroc Center will provide grab & go meals, Mon – Fri from 10 a.m. to Noon, for youth under the age of 18. If you know of any children in the community who face food insecurity, please share this new food source with them.

For more information, please visit: <u>http://www.sd.kroccenter.org/update.html</u>

<u>Small Business Relief Fund Website and Application</u>: On Friday evening, many of our small businesses had trouble accessing the City's website to apply for the 'first come, first served' fund. The City is still accepting applications and working to increase the fund. To apply, please click <u>here</u>. For questions about an application that was successfully submitted, please email sdbusiness@sandiego.gov.

<u>Guidelines on the Evictions Moratorium</u>: The Legal Aid Society of San Diego County has provided a <u>fact</u> <u>sheet</u> to help tenants and landlords navigate the protections they are afforded under the emergency ordinance.

As the first of the month is approaching and rent payments will soon be due, tenants must inform their landlord in writing on or by the day the rent payment is due that they are unable to pay the rent due to a COVID-19 related issue and provide supporting documentation within seven (7) days of providing the notice.

The ongoing pandemic is fluid and constantly evolving. The Governor also announced relief for landlords that several large banks have agreed to defer mortgage payments for 90 days for those impacted by COVID-19, along with over 200 state chartered banks and credit unions. These banks have also agreed to waive and reverse any late fees as well as other fees including early CD withdrawal fees. There are also no credit score changes for accessing this relief. For more information and to read the fact sheet, please visit: https://www.lassd.org/.

<u>San Diego Immigrant Relief Fund</u>: The San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium (SDIRC), a project of Alliance San Diego, has launched the SDIRC Immigrant Relief Fund to provide grants up to \$500 to immigrants in San Diego County who have experienced economic impacts as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Many immigrants across San Diego County have had their hours reduced, are temporarily not working, or have lost their jobs altogether. Some immigrant workers are ineligible for unemployment benefits. The SDIRC Immigrant Relief Fund aims to help this vulnerable population.

To apply for this relief, please visit: <u>http://www.123formbuilder.com/form-5359477/form</u>.

Sincerely,

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Monica Montgomery, Councilmember Fourth Council District Apply for the SDIRC immigrant relief fund