



The People's Councilmember
Monica Montgomery
Council District 4

Important COVID-19
Weekly Update
April 7, 2020



Dear Community,

Every aspect of our daily lives has been impacted by the COVID-19 global pandemic, with increasing financial and economic burdens on our community, as a result of job loss and the shuttering of non-essential businesses. My office continues to monitor resources and remains committed to providing weekly updates. Please email your questions and concerns to cd4news@san Diego.gov. Our ongoing Emergency Communications Protocols are in place, as we answer your inquiries seven (7) days a week. Here's this week's update.

Resources

- **For Small Businesses:** The Paycheck Protection Program is a loan designed to provide a direct incentive for small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll. The SBA will forgive loans if all employees are kept on the payroll for eight weeks and the money is used for payroll, rent, mortgage interest, or utilities. For more information, please visit: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program-ppp>
- **For Workers:** OnwardCA is a resource that has been rapidly deployed to help employees get finances, groceries and/or child care; help with skills refresh and more. For more information, please visit: <https://onwardca.org/>.

For All: San Diego Workforce Partnership is here to help during this crisis. San Diego workers, businesses and working parents who have been impacted by COVID-19 can get regular updates and resources including information on filing an unemployment claim, finding child care, receiving virtual career services and more. To learn more, please visit: workforce.org/covid-19.

Special City Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2020

The San Diego City Council convened a special meeting to discuss several agenda items, including certifying the March 3 election results, the COVID-19 State of Emergency Homelessness Grant Funding, and the procedures for conducting Council meetings during the current State of Emergency.

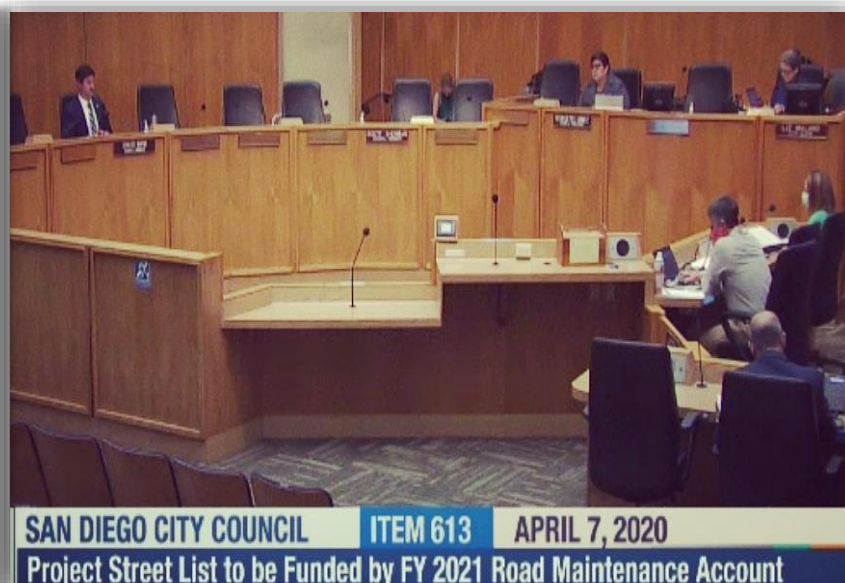
Most of the Council members will participate in the weekly meetings via teleconferencing capabilities. There are alternatives to in-person attendance for the public to participate in City Council meetings.

In lieu of in-person attendance, members of the public may submit their comments on the City Clerk webform (for agenda, non-agenda, and closed session public comments). Only comments submitted on the webform by 4 p.m. the day prior to the meeting will be eligible to be read into the record. All comments are limited to 200 words. For complete details and instructions, please visit:

<https://www.sandiego.gov/form/agenda-comment-form>

Your Voice at City Hall | ITEM 613: Project Street List to be funded by Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) Funds

For three (3) straight years, Fourth Council District streets **were not** on the RMRA funds' project street list for overlay work. After the item was pulled from the consent agenda by the public, the Councilmember made a motion for a continuance of the FY 2021 RMRA project list. *(more)*



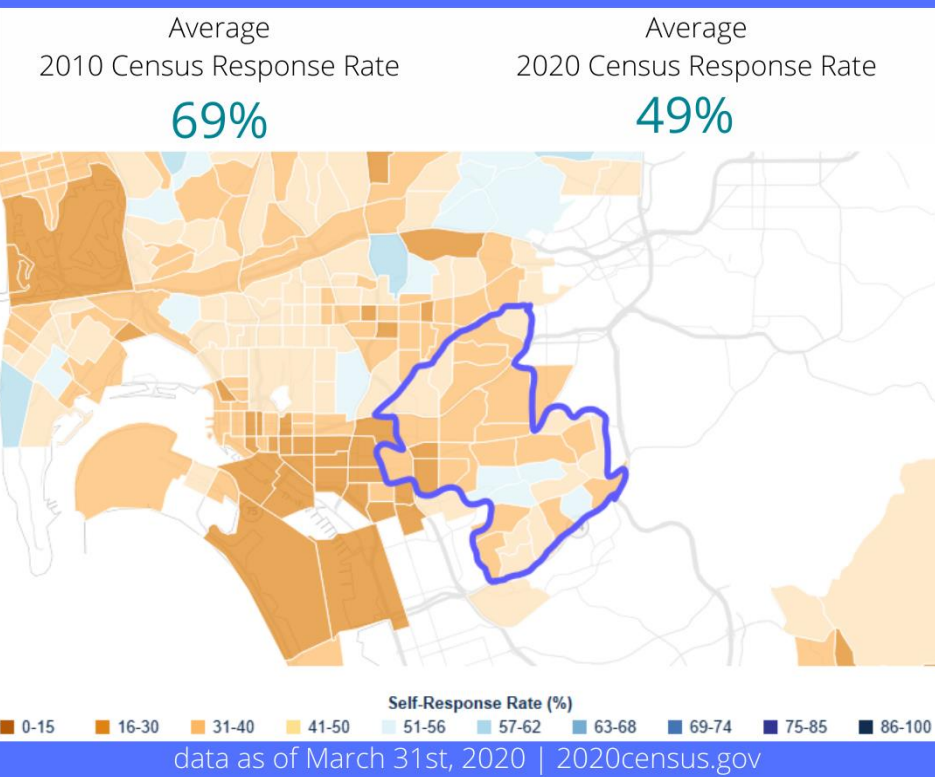
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Given the current condition of the streets in our community, the Councilmember requested a more equitable distribution of this funding among Council Districts – with respect to streets scheduled for resurfacing, specifically AC Overlays. The continuance of this item passed unanimously with Councilmember Sherman absent. This item will return next week for consideration.

The Councilmember stated that the condition of the streets in our community have been neglected and require equitable funding and maintenance. RMRA funds represent twenty-five percent (25%) of the funding sources for streets projects, which is a substantial amount to not include any communities South of I-8, for asphalt overlay of streets. Despite the burdens of the pandemic on our city, the Councilmember is continuing to bring the community's voice to City Hall.

2020 Census Response Rate

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As of March 31st, an average of 49% of District 4 residents have responded to the Census, compared to a 38% response rate on the national and state levels, and the City's response rate of 50%. Thanks to the hard work of local groups, we are above the nation's average – but we still have work to do.

Inside District 4, census tracts 31.13, 31.09 and 32.13 (neighborhoods of Alta Vista, Encanto, North and South Bay Terraces, respectively) are leading the district with over 60% reporting.

Census tracts 30.04, 36.8 and 37.5 (neighborhoods of Encanto and Lincoln Park, respectively), have just over 30% reporting.

Please help to get our community's response rate up by completing the online questionnaire today at my2020census.gov.

Public Health Orders now REQUIRE facial coverings for essential employees in grocery stores, convenience stores, restaurants, pharmacies and gas stations. It is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED that everyone wear a facial covering when leaving home to manage essential needs. In addition to the facial covering, we still need to wash our hands, sanitize, practice social distancing and avoid touching our face with unwashed hands. **April is a crucial month in ensuring we don't overwhelm our region's healthcare capacity.** Let's continue to cooperate.

Take the Pledge to stay home and save lives. To take the pledge today, please visit: <https://www.research.net/r/StayHomeSD>

San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA): Tap water in our region remains safe to drink. There is no evidence that coronavirus is transmitted through treated water. SDWCA has implemented protocols to protect their system operators. To learn more about our region's water supply, please visit: <https://www.sdcwa.org/san-diego-regional-water-supply-safe>

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) reminds us to be sure that we practice mental hygiene, as we follow our public health orders on handwashing hygiene. Listening to the news and constantly monitoring our social media assets can produce coronavirus fatigue. During this challenging time, be sure to eat well, get exercise, get adequate sleep, balance your work hours and take advantage of socializing using technology. To learn more, please visit: www.namisandiego.org.

Sincerely,

Monica Montgomery, Councilmember
Fourth Council District