



The People's Councilmember
Monica Montgomery Steppe
Council District 4

December 21, 2020
COVID-19 Update

Dear Community,

As the year winds down, we are reflecting on lessons we learned this year, our need to lean in and cultivate self-care, and how joining forces with our neighbors to meet the needs of our community has indeed made us stronger together.

The COVID-19 positive cases in our region reached [record-breaking levels several times this month](#). We are now at **0.0% ICU capacity for the 11-county Southern California region**. We must take every precaution, as we normalize the [public health orders](#) in our daily routine and follow the [regional stay-at-home order](#). COVID-19 illness can start in just two days after exposure and you can be contagious two days before your symptoms even appear.

Please get tested. COVID-19 testing is available at our Tubman-Chavez Community Center, 415 Euclid Avenue. No appointment necessary. Find other locations and more info at www.coronavirus-sd.com.

As small businesses have taken the brunt of the economic downturn exacerbated by the pandemic, we know that many families have struggled to make ends meet. The Council did provide CARES Act funding for our small businesses disproportionately impacted by the pandemic and rental relief to struggling families. These efforts pale in comparison to the rising needs, but I want to assure you that this new Council and our new mayor are ready to tackle the best path forward for economic recovery for all.

If you are facing food insecurity, there are many food distribution options, please visit <https://sandiegofoodbank.org/gethelp/>. If you are looking for a job or other opportunities, please visit linktr.ee/cd4monica for resources.

As we embrace safer ways to celebrate our traditions, we wish each and every one of you a safe, healthy and peaceful holiday season and a brand new 2021.

Sincerely,

Monica Montgomery Steppe, Councilmember
Fourth Council District

ICU Capacity and Stay Home Order:

- The current ICU capacity for the Southern California region is now 0.0% and will be updated by the state daily.
- The [Regional Stay Home Order](#) is now in effect and prohibits gatherings of any size with people from other households and adds restrictions for multiple sectors.
- The order will last for at least three weeks or until the region's ICU capacity meets or exceeds 15%. The order will be assessed by the state after the three-week period.

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• Encanto • Greater Skyline Hills • Jamacha • Lincoln Park &
Knox • Lomita Village • North Bay Park Terraces • Oak Park •
O'Farrell • Paradise Hills • Redwood Village • Rolando Park •
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Your Voice at City Hall.

November 9 | Special Meeting Complete Communities: Housing Solutions and Mobility Choices Initiative

[Complete Communities](#) includes efforts to address equity, affordable housing and investment in our communities of concern. The Councilmember had this to share during the item:

"It is so encouraging to see that it allows for mixed-income development. I do see this as a pathway towards encouraging true community development, along with the amenities for mobility choices, such as wider sidewalks, active transportation options, and mixed-use development that'll allow for office space and ground commercial and retail spaces, as well. I also want to acknowledge the members of my community, who have participated in this, and the need for the continued advocacy for District Four to have a balanced community that includes these types of amenities."

November 10 | Surveillance Ordinance and the Privacy Advisory Board Ordinance

Councilmember Montgomery Steppe had this to share on the item:

*"The spirit of my office has always been one of collaboration. This effort has been no different. I want to thank the TRUST SD Coalition for your hard work on both the proposed Surveillance Ordinance and Privacy Advisory Board. This is an issue that has been awaiting action for quite some time. Adding to the prolonged timeline was the COVID-19 outbreak. Therefore, I sincerely appreciate your patience, as well as the patience of the community, as we worked to bring these items forward. I also want express my gratitude to Office of the City Attorney for their diligent work throughout this process and for keeping my staff in the loop as they worked to resolve concerns and gather additional information that would help produce the language we have before us today. Finally, I want to thank the Mayor's Office, the IT Department, and SDPD for meeting with myself and my staff as we worked to find the compromises that have led us to this moment. For years, the community has been kept in the dark about the use of surveillance technology. Since the smart light program began in 2016, numerous reports of the usage of other types of surveillance technologies have surfaced, including claims San Diego had one of the longest-running facial recognition programs in the country, reports of increasing use of drones by first responders, and reports of automatic license plate reader data being shared by SDPD with outside agencies. While I appreciate the efforts made by the Mayor's Office and the Sustainability Department to address the concerns around the program back in January at the PS&LN Committee, and understand the frustration that has been felt due to the recent moratorium of the smart lights, I firmly stand by my decision to vote against the policy and push for a more comprehensive ordinance that establishes processes for encouraging transparency, accountability, and public deliberation, establishes rules for the acquisition and use of surveillance technology, and includes safeguards to protect civil rights and civil liberties." **NOTE: This was the First Reading of both ordinances. Both ordinances are subject to meet and confer. The Second Reading cannot take place until meet and confer is complete.***

December 10 | Special Meeting: Selection of the San Diego City Council President

After nearly eight hours of public testimony, **San Diego City Council voted 5-4 in favor of Dr. Jennifer Campbell as the new Council president.** The Councilmember thanked her broad coalition of supporters, including over 60 organizations and over 500 individuals.

December 15 | Council Approves Council President Pro Tem, Committee Assignments & Outside Appointments

President Campbell's first order of business was to announce her [Fiscal Year 2021 appointments](#). Council approved these appointments, including the new Council president Pro Tem, Council committee assignments and [the appointments to outside organizations announced by Mayor Todd Gloria and the Council president](#). The Councilmember issued this statement on her reappointment as chair of the Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee:

"As a champion of racial and social justice, I have been willing to sit through my personal discomfort to have the necessary hard conversations when governing, and I have been committed to amplifying the community's voice at City Hall. By retaining my role as chair of the Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods, we will continue our work to reimagine policing and public safety, including the implementation of independent Commission on Police Practices, the Surveillance Ordinance and Privacy Advisory Board, and working to improve accountability and rebuilding the much needed trust between our officers and residents. By remaining on the Budget Committee, I will continue to bring an equity lens to the way the City allocates resources. I look forward to my new role on the Committee on Active Transportation and Infrastructure, as we advocate for infrastructure equity for our streets, sidewalks and the critical infrastructure improvements needed for sustainable communities. We are facing a myriad of crises, and we need courageous and trusted leadership. I promise to continue to summon the necessary courage to make the tough decisions, to be transparent about my decision-making process, and to keep an open-door policy with the community. Holding elected officials accountable is the crucible of our democracy. We must be held accountable. We will not always agree, but we need to be genuine and honest about how we govern. This is the hard work of policymaking. I look forward to working with Mayor Gloria and my Council colleagues to put in the work for an equitable, progressive and transparent government for all of us."

Community. Courage. Consistency.

RESOURCES

- ✚ **Councilmember Montgomery Steppe has office hours on Fridays**, by appointment. Please email smsanchez@sandiego.gov to schedule an appointment. Office hours resume on Friday, January 8, 2020.
- ✚ **Looking for a job?** Dr. Bronner's Careers has opportunities for you, please visit: <https://www.drbronner.com/careers/>
- ✚ **Due by 12/23/20: Cox Community Impact Survey** is seeking feedback from our local community. Please complete survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/98QPJPR>
- ✚ **This Month:** In order to combat the COVID-19 Pandemic, please fill out this survey: <https://ivc.typeform.com/to/LesMP8Qj>. One of our partners, **Multicultural Health Foundation**, has started the **COVID Community Outreach Initiative** called **Together Against COVID** to help the African American/Black community during the pandemic. This survey will provide them with data to further help our community.
- ✚ **SANDAG TRANSPORTATION COMMUNITY SURVEY**
It is important our communities of concern are at the table when changes in our community are being planned. Please spend a few minutes and complete the questionnaire:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Urban_Collaborative_Project_ENG
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Urban_Collaborative_Project_ESP
- ✚ **Now through January 11, 2020:** The San Diego Public Library needs our help designing the first-ever Black History Month commemorative library card. The contest is open to all students in grades K-12. For more information and to download the card template, please visit: <https://www.sandiego.gov/SDPLblackhistory>.

30 MIN VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE

FRIDAY
Office Hours
With CM
Montgomery
Steppe

Schedule appointment at
smsanchezsandiego.gov

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OFFICE HOURS

OFFICE HOURS PROCEDURE:
Fridays | 30 minute appointment

1. Email request for office hour appointment to Stephanie Sanchez (smsanchezsandiego.gov) with the following information:
2. Name/Address/Phone/Email
3. Concerning Issue
4. Who will join you in your appointment
5. Choice of video or tele-conferencing
6. You will receive an email with a proposed appointment date and time
7. **Confirm you are available!**
8. Prepare for your meeting

TIPS TO PREPARE FOR YOUR MEETING

1. Calendar your meeting!
2. Prepare an agenda to keep track of time:
3. Introductions
4. Discuss concerns
5. Provide proposal/ request
6. Prepare for next steps

Each site will have extra grocery boxes on one of the three days!
(One box per family while supplies last)

Meals for Winter Break
Meals available at no cost for all children
Monday 12/21, Tuesday 12/22 and Wednesday 12/23
at 21 curbside grab n' go meal locations

12-2pm
5 meals per child each day
at the 21 sites listed on this flyer

Bell Middle -- 620 Briarwood Rd., SD 92139	Hancock Elementary -- 3303 Taussig St., SD 92124	O'Farrell Charter School -- 6130 Skyline Dr., SD 92114
Chavez Elementary -- 1404 South 40th St., SD 92113	Hoover High -- 4474 El Cajon Blvd., SD 92115	Porter North Elementary -- 445 S. 47th St., SD 92113
Cherokee Point Elementary -- 3735 38th St., SD 92105	Ibarra Elementary -- 4877 Orange Ave., SD 92115	Sherman Elementary -- 301 22nd St., SD 92102
Clark Middle -- 4388 Thorn St., SD 92105	Kearny High -- 1954 Kemet Way, SD 92111	Standley Middle -- 6298 Radeliffe Dr., SD 92122
Dewey Elementary -- 3251 Roscorans St., SD 92110	Logan-Memorial -- 2850 Logan Ave., SD 92113	Walker Elementary -- 9225 Hillery Dr., SD 92126
Encanto Elementary -- 822 65th St., SD 92114	Madison High -- 4833 Deliva Dr., SD 92117	Wilson Middle -- 3838 Orange Ave., SD 92105
Euclid Elementary -- 4166 Euclid Ave., SD 92105	Mira Mesa High -- 10510 Marauder Way, SD 92126	Zamorano Fine Arts -- 2655 Casey St., SD 92139

Nutritious meals for all children 18 & younger will be available at the 21 Curbside Grab n' Go Meal Locations listed on this flyer on Monday 12/21, Tuesday 12/22 and Wednesday 12/23 only.
Any site not listed will be closed for the weeks of 12/21-12/25 and 12/28-1/1.
Regular curbside service will resume at all grab n' go meal pick-up locations on Monday, January 4.

Please wear a mask! ¡Por favor use una máscara!
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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

LIBRARY CARD DESIGN CONTEST

CALLING ALL STUDENTS

Our Community Matters.

December 3rd Site Visit to The Orchard at Hilltop: Here's a look behind the fence at the grading work being done for this new development on Hilltop at Euclid Avenue. When completed, the development will have 113 apartment homes, as well as approximately 8,000 square feet of commercial space.

The apartments are spread over two, four-story buildings, and a separate single-level building overlooking the arroyo that contains a community room and other common area features, including an adjacent swimming pool, recreational lawn, basketball half-court, and tot-lot. There will also be 20 for-sale single-family dwelling units and 27 for-sale townhomes on the western half of the site.

The project will also include several infrastructure improvements, including the extension of Hilltop Drive to Euclid Avenue. The construction of a raised center median along the project's frontage on Euclid Avenue; and the restoration and enhancement of a naturally occurring arroyo, creating a natural habitat amenity and focal point for the community. The complex will feature murals by local artists, and a central paseo encouraging interaction and mobility within the surrounding neighborhood.



Holiday Bridge Lights: Thank you to IBEW Local 569, Electrical Workers Minority Caucus (EWMC) for volunteering each year to install the lights on Euclid, Market & Imperial. Thank you to our community partners at Caltrans for helping us with the power on Euclid Avenue after vandalism destroyed our power sources. These lights mean so much to our community, especially at a time like this.

Also, thank you to our community members for the outpouring of advocacy in response to the delay on the holiday bridge lights. We appreciated hearing from you. Please do not hesitate to contact our news desk, cd4news@sandiego.gov with your concerns. Our news desk is monitored seven (7) days a week.