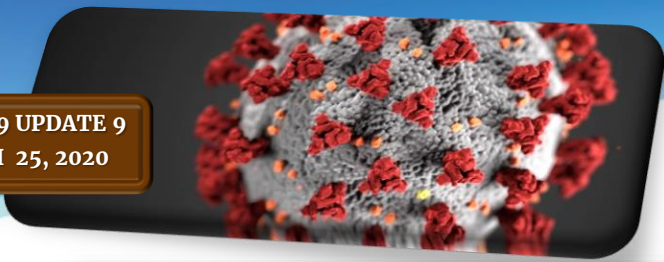




The People's Councilmember
Monica Montgomery
 Council District 4

COVID-19 UPDATE 9
 MARCH 25, 2020



Dear Community,

My office has been prioritizing the safety and well-being of our residents, as we tackle the far-reaching implications of this COVID-19 global pandemic. There are many factors to consider and diligent work to be done as services reach capacity, and as we work to connect you with resources. Inside this update, you will find information on food security and the actions City Council took today on the temporary evictions moratorium and the small business relief fund. Please continue to email your concerns to cd4news@sandiego.gov. **We are responding seven (7) days a week.**

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

People helping people: The San Diego & Imperial Counties Labor Council, the San Diego Food Bank and Feeding San Diego have upcoming food distribution [sites](#). **Food security for our families remains crucial.**

For locations, dates and times, please visit: <https://unionyes.org/covid19>.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION
SATURDAY, MARCH 28
 9 A.M. until food is gone
 SDCCU Stadium
 9449 Friars Rd, San Diego, CA 92108

Help us take care of the health of our volunteers...

! YOU NEED TO BE IN A CAR TO RECEIVE FOOD NO WALK UPS ALLOWED !
1 CAR = 1 FAMILY

For more food distribution sites visit:
www.unionyes.org/covid19

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Senior Food Program

The Senior Food Program is a federal program that provides monthly supplemental food packages to income-eligible seniors 60 and over. The Food Bank administers the program and provides food at 45 distribution sites every month throughout San Diego County. If you have food security concerns, please call the Food Bank [1-866-350-FOOD](tel:1-866-350-FOOD)(3663) to speak with a staff member who can assess if you qualify for the program. If you qualify, you will be provided information about the location and hours of your nearest food distribution site based on your zip code.

For more information, please visit: <https://sandiegofoodbank.org/programs/senior-food-program/>

Special City Council Meeting of March 25

Today, a special San Diego City Council meeting was convened to act on [two important pieces of legislation](#) that will have significant economic implications for San Diegans.

Item 600 (passed unanimously): Proposed Residential and Commercial Eviction Moratorium Due to the Declared State of Emergency from COVID-19

After asking a few clarifying questions to ensure that the City's emergency ordinance does not conflict with measures passed by the County, I called for a more concrete plan from the federal and state government and lenders regarding mortgage relief. Without a proper communication strategy, inaccurate information can be disseminated and headlines can be misleading. The nuances of this emergency ordinance must be clear. We must identify a point-of-contact and implement a viable communications strategy. We must have a comprehensive approach with renters and landlords, and be able to point people to resources they need.

- The **emergency ordinance places a temporary moratorium on residential and commercial evictions** due to financial hardship or out-of-pocket medical expenses related to COVID-19.
- **Rent will continue to be due** and tenants must comply with all other requirements of the rental agreement.
- Renters have up to six (6) months from the effective date of the ordinance to pay all unpaid rent, or withdrawal of Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-28-20, whichever occurs sooner.

For more information on the emergency eviction moratorium, [please click here](#).

Item 601 (passed unanimously): Establish a Small Business Relief Fund Using Reprogrammed CDBG and Economic & Workforce Development Funds to Support Small Businesses in their Ability to Sustain Operations and Retain Employees Following the COVID-19 State of Emergency Declared by the Mayor

This first come, first served grant and loan program will provide relief to small businesses (100 employees or less and is not for non-profits). The preclusion of non-profits from the fund is a rule established by the source of the fund at the federal level. Although repurposed, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds will continue to prioritize low-to-moderate income (LMI) communities.

Once an application is received, an Economic Development Department staff member will function as a case manager and be the small business point-of-contact throughout the process. It is estimated that once a COMPLETED application is received with all necessary paperwork, the process will take 14 days until payment is issued. **The program is expected to 'go live' on Friday, March 27, 2020. Given the first come, first served nature of the program, be ready to apply as soon as the program goes live. Grants will be given first, and then loans will follow.** For more information, please visit:

<https://www.sandiego.gov/economic-development/resources/relief>

Sincerely,

Monica Montgomery, Councilmember
 Fourth Council District