



# Council President Myrtle Cole's List of Accomplishments 2014-18



## Public Safety:

- Established the **Encanto Rapid Response Squad** for fire and medical emergencies that has reduced emergency response times dramatically in the District
- Established Interim **Fire Station** at Skyline and Sychar and working to secure funding for new permanent Fire Station
- Re-established the **Citizens Advisory Board on Police and Community Relations**
- Supported **Community Clean-Ups** throughout the District including homeless encampments near local businesses and schools
- Established **Neighborhood Revitalization Days:** Cleaning up our neighborhoods everyday
- Convened **Community Town Hall Discussion** on improving police and community relations
- Co-authored **Measure G** which passed overwhelmingly as it places the **Community Review Board on Police Practices** under the control of both the Mayor and the City Council, and requires the board to review all cases involving in-custody death and office-related shootings
- Convened the **Special Council Meeting on Homelessness** and created the **Select Committee on Homelessness** to discuss and revisit city policies regarding homelessness, funding mechanisms to address our homeless, and more

## Economic Development:

- Authored legislation/a compromise to revise the long-contentious affordable housing fee known as the **Workforce Housing Offset**, or Linkage Fee to provide greater certainty, create a supply of quality affordable housing, and encourage business and development
- Hosted the successful **Economic Development Bus Tour** to attract developers to invest in our district
- Opened **Walgreens Drugstore** on Euclid Ave. The first drugstore south of the 94
- Contributed funding and advocated for the **Connect2Career program to provide jobs to youth in the District**
- Sponsored Workshop on **"How to Do Business with SD Workforce Partnership"**
- Co-Hosted 1<sup>st</sup> Annual **Home Owner and Home Buyer's Fair** at Jacobs Center
- **Funded 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Play Day at the Lake** at Chollas Lake Park in partnership with the Park and Recreation Department
- Allocated **over \$400,000 in Community Projects, Programs and Services** funding and **Arts & Culture funding** to 4th District organizations
- Convened a **Special Council Meeting on Affordable Housing & Housing Affordability** to take action on proposals to address the high cost of renting or buying a home in San Diego

## Infrastructure and Capital Projects:

- Grand Opening of newly constructed **\$13.2 M Skyline Hills Branch Library**
- Grand Opening of newly constructed **\$1.5 M Legler Benbough Teen IDEA Lab** at Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library
- Completed **\$2 M sidewalk** and street beautification project **on Holly Drive**
- Acquired **\$28 M for construction of the new Jackie Robinson YMCA**
- Acquired **\$5.5 M for the design and construction of the Bay Terraces "Tooma Park" Community Center**
- Opened **Charles Lewis III Memorial Park**
- Completed **phase one of major street improvements on Streamview Drive**
- Opened **Independence Point**, a new quality Affordable Housing units in the District
- Acquired **CDBG funding for Chollas Creek Park** beautification and improvements
- Opened **Trolley Park Terrace**, a new quality Affordable Housing units in the District
- **Utilities Undergrounding** Projects started and or completed in several communities including Lincoln Park, Bay Terraces, and Paradise Hills, Broadway Heights, Webster, and Encanto.
- Initiated and successfully completed **Lakiba Palmer Avenue Street Name Change** (A heroine- one of the first female sailors to die in action aboard a U.S. ship)
- **Paved miles of streets and filled over 4,631 potholes (and counting)** in Council District 4
- Completed construction of **3,700 linear feet of new sidewalks, driveways, curb ramps, and street lights on Market Street**
- Broke ground for **Villa Encantada Apartments**, an affordable transit oriented development conveniently located near the Encanto/62<sup>nd</sup> Street MTS trolley station
- Acquired **\$4.36 M** for a **public pocket park on Guymon Street**
- Acquired **\$27 M** for a project to **replace 5 miles of 50 year old sewage and water pipelines** in Encanto
- Opened **Ouchi Courtyard Apartments**, a new mixed-use development of affordable housing and commercial space
- Established the policy for **honorary street name designation** and set the first designation for **Kathleen Harmon**
- Acquired **\$150,200** for new improvements to the Encanto Recreation Center
- Dedicated Southeastern Division substation after **Officer Archie Buggs**— the first station in San Diego Police Department history to be named after an officer
- Broke ground for new **joint-use park at Horton Elementary School**