COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM MONICA MONTGOMERY STEPPE COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

#CD4 Monthly Newsletter

OCTOBER 2022 EDITION

Community,

Last month, my staff and I submitted our FY24 budget priority memo focusing on the community's needs. This is the first time Council has submitted priorities in the Fall before the next fiscal year, and we want to ensure our priorities are highlighted during the Budget drafting process. Special thank yous to all the constituents who participated in my office's budget priorities survey to help us understand what District Four needs to improve our neighborhoods.

Using my pillars of governance and constituent responses from the survey, we submitted a memo with priorities that continue to reflect a commitment to establishing equity and building a community we can all be proud of. We need and deserve essential resources like adequate emergency services, safe streets, paved sidewalks that are well-lit with streetlights, updated libraries and parks, and so much more.

We also elaborated on the need to address our growing housing crisis in San Diego and access to economic opportunities through filling city vacancies. As we move into the FY24 budget cycle, we will only support an equitable and responsive budget for our communities. It's imperative for us to approve a budget that identifies and seizes opportunities to improve the quality of life of all communities.

View my full Budget Priorities Memo on our website at <u>sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd4/news-events.</u>

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INSIDE CITY HALL

PILLARS OF GOVERNANCE

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY

OCTOBER 6 | PS&LN

SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

OCTOBER 2 | SPECIAL MEETING

CITY-COUNTY JOINT MEETING ON HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

On October 3rd, City Council and County Board of Supervisors held a joint meeting to discuss ways we must tackle one of the largest issues in our region: housing affordability. We've listened to the many requests for our legislative bodies to work together because it is important to realize that public health and housing are inextricably linked. In San Diego, more than half of the residents pay more than 50% of their income on rent. During this meeting, The City and County committed to working together on innovative and practical steps to help us realize 10,000 new affordable housing units by 2030.

OCTOBER 31 | CITY COUNCIL

HOUSING IS A HUMAN RIGHT RESOLUTION

On October 31st, City Council voted unanimously to support drafting a resolution that would declare housing as a human right in the City of San Diego. In a growing housing crisis, we must proactively prevent homelessness, detest discrimination, and promote permanent, stable, affordable housing. PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF SDPD USE OF BODY CAMERAS AND VIDEO MANAGEMENT

On October 6th, the PS&LN Committee reviewed the Office of the City Auditor's performance audit of the San Diego Police Department's (SDPD) use of body cameras and management of body camera videos. We all want to ensure that police actions are following protocol and being transparent to the public. Of the seven recommendations provided in the audit report, SDPD committed to implementing all of these recommendations. View the <u>complete audit report here.</u>

OCTOBER 18 | CITY COUNCIL

IMPLEMENTATION ORDINANCE FOR THE COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES

After two long years, City Council approved the implementation ordinance, establishing independent oversight of law enforcement policies and practices.. Council President pro Tem Montgomery Steppe issued the following statement on its passage: "I'm proud of the transparent process that has amplified the voices of the most impacted in our community. This marks a historic win for our communities, who deserve accountability and transparency from our law enforcement department. This ordinance moves us toward a proper checks and balances system as we continue to reimagine public safety."

OCTOBER 10 | CITY COUNCIL

PROPOSED RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT: "SMART STREETLIGHTS: WASTED INVESTMENTS"

In August 2022, the IBA released a proposed response to the June 2022 Grand Jury report regarding the city's purchase of smart streetlights.On October 10th, City Council voted to approve the IBA's proposed response to the Grand Jury's report, ultimately disagreeing with many of the findings. These smart streetlights can help improve public safety and solve crimes across our city. However, our constituents deserve transparency and truth in using these tools, and we must have proper oversight.

To review the full IBA report, visit: <u>www.sandiego.gov/iba/reports/reports22</u>.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT NOTICE

Due to limited resources, the City Environmental Services Department's "refuse collection operations" **may be delayed by one day.** This temporary delay is based on operational impacts and is determined weekly.

If there are refuse collections, trash and/or recyclables will be collected **the day following your normally scheduled collection day.** Please keep uncollected containers on your curbside for pickup.

To view the map of affected areas and for more information, visit: <u>sandiego.gov/environmental-services/collection-status</u>



BLOOD DRIVE

Hosted by Skyline Hills Branch Library

Tuesday, November 8, 2022 11:00 am - 4:30 pm

Skyline Hills Branch Library Parking Lot 7900 Paradise Valley Rd, San Diego, CA 92139

One blood donation saves up to three lives.

Schedule Your Appointment Today! Call (619) 400-8251 Visit sandiegobloodbank.org/donate



Walk-ins welcome. Photo ID required. Arrive hydrated.

San Diego Blood Bank

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Our National Apprenticeship Week Celebration Wednesday, November 16, 2022 2:30pm - 4:00pm

> Valencia Park/Malcolm X **Branch Library - Multipurpose Room** 5148 Market St. San Diego, CA 92114



For more information, please contact us at info@socalpp.com | (619) 303 6890



The HOLIDAY FESTIVAL & Bridge Lighting Ceremony

Come join our 9th Annual Multicultural Holiday Event in the Diamond District

Saturday, December 3, 2022 3:00pm - 9:00pm

LOCATION: U.S. Bank Parking Lot 5100 Federal BLVD. San Diego, California 92105

FREE ENTRY (6:00pm BRIDGE LIGHTING & PHOTO-OP)

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• Food / Merchants • Fun things for Kids • Toy Raffle • Entertainment Karaoke
 Complimentary Refreshments (first come, first served)

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Email Questions to: diamondbusinessdistrict@gmail.com / (619) 487 - 0889

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

October 9 - October 15 marks National Fire Prevention Week. I was happy to join San Diego Fire Rescue Department firefighters and members of our Community Risk Reduction Division to promote valuable fire safety information among our community. Special thanks to our departments for planning an event dedicated to public safety in our communities!





On October 22, I was happy to join the San Diego Original Black Panther Party in celebrating their 55th anniversary of service. From clothing and food distributions to education, this organization has demonstrated commitment to uplifting San Diego and promoting unity among the organizations that serve our most vulnerable populations. Congratulations on your success!

On October 23, I was proud to join the 5th Annual San Diego Hip Hop Health & Wellness 5k Festival in the heart of our District Four community. Participants walked, jogged or ran the race, and this event couples with a robust health and wellness festival. Congratulations on another successful event!



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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Chair, Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods

Member, Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Member, Committee on Budget and

Government Efficiency

Member, Committee on Active Transportation & Infrastructure

OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS APPOINTMENTS

Co-Chair, City-County Reinvestment Task Force **Board Representative**, San Diego MTS - Board of Directors

Alternate Representative, San Diego MTS -Executive Committee

Chair, San Diego MTS - Public Security Committee

First Representative and Alternate Chair, San Diego Consortium Policy Board Member, California Reparations Task Force



DISTRICT 4



OFFICE HOURS

FRIDAYS 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

30 MIN VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE



CONFIRM APPOINTMENT

PREPARE



MEET THE STAFF

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