Since 2000, the Fourth Council District has carried the tradition of inducting outstanding high school seniors into the Walls of Excellence: a prestigious monument created to honor students who demonstrate exemplary academic performance and community service. Each year, three seniors are nominated from Gompers Preparatory Academy, Lincoln, Morse, and the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts High School into the Walls of Excellence, located at the intersection of Willie James Jones Avenue and Imperial Avenue. On June 24th, we were proud to continue this legacy and celebrate this year’s Inductees at the 23rd Walls of Excellence ceremony.

Congratulations to all the seniors who received this distinguished honor!
INSIDE CITY HALL

PILLARS OF GOVERNANCE

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY

SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

JUNE 12 | CITY COUNCIL

APPROVAL OF THE CITY'S FY 2024 BUDGET

On June 12, City Council passed the final budget ordinance for the City's Fiscal Year 2024 Budget. This 5.17 billion dollar budget is the first budget where every City department reviewed its budget with an equity lens. While equity will not happen overnight, we look forward to implementing departmental changes that effectively address disparities. Council President pro Tem issued the following statement in response to the passage of the budget ordinance: “I am proud to have voted for a balanced budget that contained so many common sense investments that will continue moving our City in an equitable direction. From the Eviction prevention program to improvements in our parks and roads, this budget amplified the voice of our residents while balancing each District's needs.”

JUNE 7 | RULES COMMITTEE

UPDATES TO THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO YOUTH COMMISSION

On June 7, the Rules Committee heard an update on the recently revived Youth Commission. Current City of San Diego Youth Commission members proposed changes to the age limit of service, which would increase from 22 to 25 years of age. The Rules Committee also voted to restructure the Commission to being under the Mayor’s discretion in hopes this Commission staffed under the capacity of the Office of Child and Youth Success.

JUNE 7 | PUBLIC SAFETY

UPDATE ON THE COMMISSION ON POLICE PRACTICES

On June 7, the Public Safety Committee heard an update from the Commission on Police Practices (CPP) regarding the current caseload and the next steps for the newly appointed Commissioners. Contrary to belief, the Interim Commission continues reviewing cases while the recently appointed members continue the background check process. The Commission is currently in the process of hiring an independent investigator, which was approved and funded in the FY23 budget. While newly appointed members are onboarding, we sincerely thank the Interim Commissioners for their service.

JUNE 13 | CITY COUNCIL

UNAUTHORIZED CAMPING OR ENCAMPMENTS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

On June 13, City Council voted on the Unauthorized Camping Ordinance, which bans camping along trolley tracks and within 2 blocks of public parks, schools, waterways, and shelters. This ordinance would allow citation and/or arrest of those violating the ordinance, regardless of shelter availability. Council President pro Tem voted "no" on this ordinance, though it ultimately passed with a 5-4 vote. The City must strike a balance between the health and safety of residents without criminalizing vulnerable populations. The ordinance would take effect on July 29, 2023.

JUNE 21 | ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

CITYWIDE STREETLIGHT MAINTENANCE & REPAIR UPDATE

On June 21, the Active Transportation and Infrastructure Committee heard an update on the status of the Citywide streetlight repairs. According to Street Division, which maintains over 60,000+ streetlights in San Diego, there are roughly 6,000 annually reported outages. In response to the growing backlog of streetlight outages, the Department has introduced new equipment and hired a contractor to assist in completing a portion of the backlogged work. The process changed from an “oldest case first” to a prioritization model developed by the Performance and Analytics Department, including crime rate analysis, proximity to schools, road use, and other safety criteria. You can report streetlight outages in your area at www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done.

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SAVE THE DATES!

**PARKS AFTER DARK**

Every Thursday, Friday & Saturday night!

8 Weekends | July 6 thru August 26, 2023

**Happening at these locations:**
- City Heights Rec Center
- Dolores Magdaleno Rec Center
- Linda Vista Rec Center
- Skyline Hills Rec Center

**Kids Eat FREE**

while supplies last

**FREE! Activities for the whole family!**
- Music & Entertainment
- Movies in the Park
- Arts & Crafts
- Inflatables
- Youth Sports Clinics
- And more!

**Check Out List of Events for July - August 2023**

- **July 11**
  Season of Peace BBQ At The Beach
  Location: Crown Point 5:00pm-8:00 pm

- **July 29**
  Youth Retreat
  Location: Memorial Park Recreation
  8:00AM-8:00 PM

- **August 1**
  National Night Out
  Location: Mid-City
  4:00 PM-7:00 PM

- **August 7**
  Peace Meal
  Coastera
  880 Harbor Island Dr
  6:30 PM

- **August 14**
  Day Of Remembrance
  San Diego County Building
  5:00 PM-7:00 PM

- **August 23**
  Gun Violence Prevention Town Hall
  City Of Life Church
  616 Raven St. San Diego, CA 92102

**Other events with dates to be determined**
- Fentanyl Presentation and panel discussion
- Bike Ride through Southeast San Diego 16th and Imperial through Skyline

**Season Of Peace**

July 4, 2023-September 4, 2023

For further Information please contact Bishop Cornelius Bowser
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**What Does Your Community Need?**

**How Your Project Idea Becomes Reality:**

1. Submit your ideas online or at an in-person engagement event.
2. Projects are evaluated for operational needs, funding, Council office input, community input, alignment with adopted plans and scoring criteria found in Council policies on infrastructure prioritization.
3. The City prepares a citywide five-year infrastructure plan that summarizes the funding needs for selected projects.

Every year the City of San Diego updates the Five-Year Capital Infrastructure Planning Outlook. This Outlook lists the funding for infrastructure projects to be built in our neighborhoods. These projects can include parks, libraries, streets and sidewalks. To put this Outlook together, we need to know what YOU want to see in your community!

[Learn more and submit your project ideas at www.sandiego.gov/NeighborhoodNeeds](www.sandiego.gov/NeighborhoodNeeds)

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**Youth Summer Party**

**BIG ANIMALS**

**IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

**FREE for all ages**

**BACKPACK GIVEAWAY**

**SAVE THE DATE**

At the Dennis V. Allen Park
850 Boundary Street San Diego, CA 92102
from 10:00am - 02:00pm

**Saturday, July 29th**

**Activities:**
- Rock Climbing Wall
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COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

On June 10th, I had the honor of joining the Pillars of Dignity and Justice Awards ceremony to celebrate the work and sacrifice of Public Defenders in San Diego County. Too often, we hear about the underfunded and overwhelmed Public Defender offices tasked with providing folks their fundamental rights. Public Defenders are imperative to the criminal legal system, and their fight for civil rights is worth celebrating. Congratulations to the awardees, and thank you to all the Public Defenders for their service!

This year, the City of San Diego recognized Juneteenth for the first time as an official City holiday. I was so happy to join the Cooper Family Foundation’s annual Juneteenth celebration, honoring our ancestors and the hard fight for freedom from bondage. In many ways, we are still fighting for freedom from systems that oppress our communities—but Juneteenth is a time to reflect on how we must harness the strength to continue that fight for freedom and equality. Thank you to the Cooper Family for continuing the legacy of celebrating American history in the City of San Diego!

Expanding our urban canopies in San Diego is critical in our fight against climate change. I was proud to partner with San Diego Gas & Electric and the City of San Diego Urban Forestry Department to plant over 290 trees in Bay Terraces, including 35 different tree species!

Special thank you to community members Muriel King and the Paradise Gardeners for their advocacy in long-term environmental benefits that add beauty to our community.
COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS
Chair, Budget and Government Efficiency Committee
Vice Chair, Rules Committee
Vice Chair, Public Safety Committee
Vice Chair, Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations Committee
Member, Active Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

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

OFFICE HOURS
FRIDAYS 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

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