As we enter a new fiscal year, it is fitting to celebrate the budget wins I advocated for on behalf of Council District Four from our City Council and State Representatives.

Thanks to your participation in this year’s City budget process, I was able to secure budget funding for park improvements, street safety enhancements, arts and culture, and much more to ensure District Four receives equitable resources.

After many years of advocacy, the Oak Park Library has finally received full funding for the construction of a brand new library. From the Land Use Feasibility Study to tirelessly advocating for inclusion in last year’s State and City budget, we are excited to see a significant win that will continue to serve our Oak Park, Webster, and Chollas Creek residents.
SPECIAL MEETING ON ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS IN SAN DIEGO

On July 20, the PS&LN Committee held a special meeting to discuss and explore solutions around homelessness in our City. It is our duty to respond to this growing issue of our most vulnerable populations, including unhoused residents. I look forward to diving further into how this issue impacts District Four to ensure we address any inequities in the services provided by the city.

SURVEILLANCE ORDINANCE

After two years of delay, the Surveillance Ordinance was passed by City Council, with an exemption for San Diego police officers who serve on federal task forces. As a champion for this ordinance, Council President pro Tem issued the following statement: "As elected officials, we must prioritize a balance of both public safety and civil liberties for the people we serve. The passed exemptions continue to cause concern, given the history of surveillance against our most vulnerable communities. However, the community wants to feel safe, and these oversight mechanisms over the city's surveillance technologies bring us closer to transparency while improving safety for our residents."

DISPARITIES STUDY RECOMMENDATION IMPLEMENTATION

I have advocated for this Disparities Study to assess whether minority-owned businesses face any barriers as part of the City of San Diego's contracting processes since the first day I took office. When the data was released for review, it highlighted apparent disparities and inequities within the current system. This month, City Council approved the recommendations to implement and address those equity gaps. Though this is a win in our fight to achieve equity, we still have work to do in our fight for economic justice.

101 ASH STREET AND CIVIC CENTER PLAZA SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This month, City Council voted to settle ongoing litigation in the dispute of the 101 Ash Street and Civic Center Plaza properties. With her opposing vote, Council President pro Tem released the following statement: "I am disappointed in the decision Council made to settle this case. I remain concerned about the Capital Improvement Project funds, being responsible for indemnifying Cisterra, and ultimately, not having a robust plan for this real estate. We owe our City residents a thorough and transparent process with a holistic resolution. But, we can only hope for a better outcome as we plan the future endeavors of these acquired buildings."

Don't hesitate to get in touch with our staff with your concerns by visiting our web page at: sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd4/staff.
#DUMPSTERDAYS COMMUNITY CLEANUP

As a critical component to my commitment to clean, safe, and healthy neighborhoods, my office is partnering with local waste management companies for a #DumpsterDays event.

On Saturday, August 6th from 9am - 11am, join us for a community clean-up at Chollas Lake Park - Gloria’s Mesa (6350 College Grove Drive) to properly dispose of unwanted items.

It takes a collaborative effort to make our neighborhoods cleaner and healthier. We look forward to continuing the promotion to beautify our communities.

COMMUNITY VOTE!

Come and choose what pilot project to spend $100,000 on for our community.

The Southeastern Community Mobility Roadmap is a community-developed plan that engaged multi-generational Southeastern community members to share their current transportation priorities and their visions for the future of transportation in Southeastern. With funding from Supervisor Nathan Fletcher’s office and the California Air Resources Board, Pueblo Planning partnered with GRID Alternatives, Greenlining, and four Southeastern community-based organizations (Am Green, The Urban Collaborative Project, Project New Village, and San Diego Urban Sustainability Coalition) to engage community members in Southeastern and co-develop the mobility roadmap.

Let’s Celebrate!

Due to the community engagement efforts, the planning team and community-based organizations successfully advocated for $1.5 million in the City of San Diego’s budget to implement a couple of the community’s main priorities shared during the engagement process. This year’s City of San Diego budget includes $700,000 for 42nd Street and Hilltop Drive Safe Streets (adjacent to Gompers Preparatory Academy) and $800,000 for street lights placed near parks, schools, and key transit stops in Southeastern District 4.

Your Voice Matters, Vote Today!

Additionally, $100,000 is available for the community to vote on how to spend. The process of the community deciding how to spend a budget is called participatory budgeting. Through the planning process, community members identified current transportation needs and their vision for the future of transportation. Our team identified three pilot projects from that list of priorities that could fit within that budget and be implemented relatively quickly for the community to vote on.

- E-Bike Ownership Program: Approximately 75 e-bikes with locks, helmets, and baskets for 75 recipients.
- E-Vehicle Sharing Program: The purchase of one vehicle that a local community-based organization will manage for a community car-sharing program.
- Community beefed-up: Wayfinding signage that shares key areas to walk or bike to and Community Art Project.

CAST YOUR VOTE TODAY BY VISITING: pueblopinning.com/communityvote

Results will be posted on pueblopinning.com/communityvote and shared in person at Gompers Park from 11am-1pm on August 27th!

COMMUNITY CLEANUP

#DumpsterDays

Saturday August 6
9 AM - 11 AM
(or until bins are full)

RSVP

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS, LIGHTBULBS

To volunteer, sign up at: bit.ly/4Dyvolunteer

Questions? Call or text: 619-380-3848

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MONICA MONTGOMERY STEPPE

Picture This!

Freedom Riders

Monday, August 15 • 6:30 p.m.
Neil Morgan Auditorium

The saga of the Freedom Riders is an empowering story of courage and commitment. In 1961, more than four hundred Americans participated in a dangerous experiment designed to help desegregate the South. It was an American nightmare that turned into the American dream.

NR | 1h 57m | Documentary | 2010 |
In partnership with The San Diego African American Museum of Fine Arts

There will be a Q&A with Civil rights leader, Harold K. Brown following the screening facilitated by Executive Director of the SDAAMFA, Gaild Finnie.

San Diego Central Library @ Juan A. Irwin Jacobs Commons
130 Park Blvd, SD 92101 • 619-233-8800
facebook.com/sandiegocentrallibrary

Contact Jeremy Davies at 619-238-6632 or JDavies@sandiego.gov
Get It Done Day
Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market St.
Wednesday, August 24
5:30-7:00 PM

Learn how to report neighborhood issues like graffiti, illegal dumping, and potholes via City of San Diego Get It Done App

Bring a charged cell phone and a friend

Learn about different ways to get involved in your community

Questions? Call or text: 619-380-3848

Educational Cultural Complex Exploration Day
August 13th, 10 am - 2 pm
4343 Ocean View Boulevard

Join SDCCE at the Educational Cultural Complex for a day of family fun & exploration! Explore YOUR campus and YOUR future. Everyone is welcome!

- Car & Bike Show
- Interactive Demonstrations
- Campus Tours
- Registration Support
- Opportunity Drawings
- Live music
- Food Trucks
- Radio Stations
- Meet Faculty & Staff
- Family Fun

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Are you between the ages of 16–24 and looking for a job?

Get support from a career navigator to help you land a job, including:

- Work-readiness training, such as interview and resume preparation
- $50 cash incentive
- 1-on-1 assistance to gain meaningful work experience
- Help finding a training or certificate program and/or assistance enrolling in secondary education

All our resources are free and some even offer paid training opportunities.

Visit workforce.org/getajob or call (888) 560-0871 ext. 132 to learn more or apply.

ANNUAL Backpack Giveaway
& HPV Vaccination Clinic

Saturday AUG 13
10 am - 1 pm 2022

Lemon Grove Recreation Center
3131 School Lane
Lemon Grove, CA 91945

Register for event here: a79.asmdc.org/backpack_hp
*Registration will close by 3pm on August 11.

* Free Backbacks  * Free School supplies  * More giveaways!  * Free Vaccines: HPV and COVID-19 *

Guidelines: 1. Children must be present to receive a backpack. 2. Your RSVP does not guarantee a backpack. 3. Priority is for residents of the 79th Assembly District. 4. Priority pick-up is for those who RSVP by 10 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. 5. If you do not RSVP you will need to wait until 11:00 am before receiving a backpack.

Dr. Akilah Weber
Assemblymember, District 79

Champions for Health

San Diego PATH
COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

For over 20 years, the Fourth Council District has carried the tradition of inducting outstanding high school seniors into the Walls of Excellence. On July 16th, I was proud to continue this legacy and celebrate the Class of 2022 inductees at the 22nd Walls of Excellence ceremony. Congratulations to all the seniors who received this distinguished honor!

On July 10th, I joined the Blue Heart Foundation in a march to bring awareness to the issues affecting the young Black community. The Blue Heart Foundation’s mission continues to build our youth community by instilling positive values and self-esteem. Congratulations to these young men for planning and executing a successful and positive event!

July was filled with many birthday celebrations, and on July 23rd, we celebrated the 77th birthday of Ms. Rosemary Pope, the Executive Director of the George Stevens Fourth Council District Senior Resource Center. Ms. Pope is an advocate for senior health and services, and we cherish her for all the work she contributes to ensuring our seniors are highlighted in the community. Happy Birthday Ms. Pope!
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

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

SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT AT SMSANCHEZ@SANDIEGO.GOV
CONFIRM APPOINTMENT
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