

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM MONICA MONTGOMERY STEPPE COUNCIL DISTRICT 4



#CD4 Monthly Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2022 EDITION



Housing Equity is an uphill battle for many families of color, especially in the San Diego region. Homeownership has the ability to create generational wealth, and as part of my commitment to economic opportunity for all, I continue to advocate for expanding homeownership for all residents.

With the tremendous work from my office, the San Diego Housing Commission, and the Housing Equity Collaborative, San Diego was one of eight markets nationwide selected for a \$7.5 million grant from the Wells Fargo Wealth Opportunities Restored through Homeownership (WORTH) program, which will create an estimated 5,000 new homeowners of color within San Diego County by 2025.

This month, Council also discussed the City's homelessness crisis and housing opportunities, with Black residents and other communities of color suffering from dehumanizing and disproportionate treatment within our current outreach systems. It is our duty to respond to the growing issue of our most vulnerable populations, including unhoused residents. I look forward to continuing to advocate for housing needs in our communities, and celebrate September 21, 2022 as Homeownership Equity Day in the City of San Diego.

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REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY

SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

SEPTEMBER 7 | ED&IR COMMITTEE

CANNABIS EQUITY STUDY

In 2019, I convened a working group to help establish a cannabis equity program for the City of San Diego. On September 7th, the ED&IR Committee received an update from the Cannabis Equity Assessment, which was released in July 2022. This assessment is not perfect, but we cannot miss another round of state funding for a program that presents wealth-building opportunities for those who have experienced negative trajectories caused by the War on Drugs. The program proposal will now move forward to full Council on October 11th.

View the full report for consideration at: www.sandiego.gov/development-services/cannabis.

SEPTEMBER 20 | CITY COUNCIL

WATER RATE ADJUSTMENT

On September 20th, City Council approved an increase in the cost of imported water rates up to 3% beginning January 1, 2023. This pass-through rate is only for the cost of purchasing water from the San Diego County Water Authority. As we monitor cost-related impacts on the essential resources of our residents, I will continue to advocate for programs that assist our community in affording these increases.

SEPTEMBER 7 | PS&LN COMMITTEE

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. While technology can improve public safety in our community, proper oversight is important, and our community deserves a transparent process that informs them about any surveillance used. The IBA's proposed response will come to City Council at a later date.

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

SEPTEMBER 13 | CITY COUNCIL

AMENDMENTS TO MUNICIPAL CODE ON COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUPS (CPG)

Community Planning Groups are esteemed members of our community who volunteer commitment to improving city land use decisions. On September 13th, City Council approved a proposal to update the Municipal Code on Community Planning Groups and expand the resources, diversity, and participation among these groups. CPGs are still independent of the City, and the recent update aims to dismantle barriers from community members participating in the public safety and social and economic vitality of residents.

SEPTEMBER 13 | CITY COUNCIL

MIDWAY RISING AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATION PERIOD

This month, City Council voted to authorize the City to enter into exclusive negotiations with the Midway Rising team to redevelop of the 48.5-acre Sports Arena property with affordable homes, a sports arena, shops and public open space. Council President pro Tem releases the following statement: **"Previous administrations have repetitively abused the trust of our community. As elected officials, we should not take community concerns lightly, particularly when participating in negotiations that impact our city. We must balance the prioritization of community voice and affordable housing while restoring community confidence in our decision-making. I will continue to promote transparency as we move cautiously through this process to utilize the city's surplus land."**

FY24 Arts & Culture Funding Applications **now** available!

Organizational
Support Program

Creative Communities
San Diego



Applications are open from September 26 -
October 30, 2022 at 11:59PM.

For more information, visit
www.sandiego.gov/arts-culture/funding

Community Development Block Grant FY24 Funding

The City's Economic Development Department has released the Fiscal Year 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for non-profit organizations. CDBG funding allows partner organizations to deliver on projects and programs that serve San Diego communities.

OCT
3rd-21st

Virtual Technical
Assistance
Meetings, by
Appointment
Only

NOV 4
5PM

Deadline to
submit
Request For
Qualifications
(RFQ)

NOV
29

Request For
Proposals
(RFPs) released
to qualified
organizations

More information at:
www.sandiego.gov/cdbg/apps

Short-Term Residential Occupancy (STRO)

APPLICATION PERIOD

Opens Monday, Oct. 3, at Noon

- 1 Visit sandiego.gov/STRO for up-to-date information.
- 2 Complete the STRO Application Checklist.
- 3 Apply for your STRO License as soon as possible.

*The application period for Tier 3 and Tier 4
licenses closes on Wednesday, Nov. 30.*



2022 Land Development Code Update

The City of San Diego will be holding two public virtual workshops for the 2022 Annual Comprehensive Code Update. The 2022 Code Update is currently in progress and has been separated into Citywide code updates and items specifically related to the Downtown Planned District Ordinance. Updates to the code include clarifications, corrections, regulatory reform, and changes to bring the City into compliance with state law and to align policies with the City's climate, equity and housing goals.

Workshop #1:
Oct. 6, 2022
2pm - 4pm
Virtual Meeting

Workshop #2:
Oct. 11, 2022
12pm - 2pm
Virtual Meeting

Registration:
<https://bit.ly/3Rn2ICP>



CALIFORNIA MORTGAGE RELIEF



**NEED SUPPORT
APPLYING?**

CALL: 619.858.0563

E-MAIL: info@loganheightscdc.org

VISIT: 3040 Imperial Ave, San Diego CA 92102

WALK-IN: Every Tuesday 9am-3pm

Logan Heights CDC is supporting San Diego County homeowners with the application process for this program!
We can guide you through the program eligibility, requirements and support you in completing the application!

APPLY NOW!

FOR MORE INFO CALL OR EMAIL:

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**EMPOWERING OUR LEADERS
OF TOMORROW!**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15TH | 10:00AM - NOON



Grossmont College - Griffin Gate

DETOUR's FANCY Leadership Academy ensures girls have the skills and resources needed to matriculate to college or other post-secondary schools and earn employment paying livable wages. The approach intentionally focuses on educating, empowering, and increasing access to opportunities for girls of color so they can step into the leadership roles they were meant to hold.



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Join us as we expose girls to Women Color Leaders in Higher Education at the Women of Excellence Girls Leadership Conference!

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

In 2020, I advocated much-needed sidewalks throughout our community in my budget priorities memo. Recently, we celebrated a promise fulfilled through the installation of brand new sidewalks between Woodman Street, Cielo Drive, and Pastor Timothy J. Winters Street. Investments like this in our communities are long overdue, and I especially thank the Department of Transportation for prioritizing this work.



In addition to hosting our final Dumpster Days event this year, I was happy to participate in several Coastal Cleanup Day events this month in different locations across District 4. The Chollas Creek - Federal Blvd location gave neighbors insight into how important the natural land and resources are to our communities. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this event a success!

September 21st marked International Day of Peace and Kids Day of Peace at T.H.E C.I.R.C.L.E., an organization run by D4 resident Rashida Hameed. It's not enough for us to recognize a day of peace – I was proud to acknowledge that commitment to peace and healing in Rashida, who tirelessly advocates for healing and empowerment for all of the community. For her dedication, I presented a District proclamation declaring "Rashida Hameed Day" in Council District Four. Congratulations, Rashida!



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

OFFICE HOURS

FRIDAYS 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM



30 MIN VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE



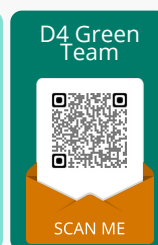
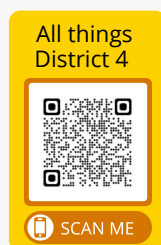
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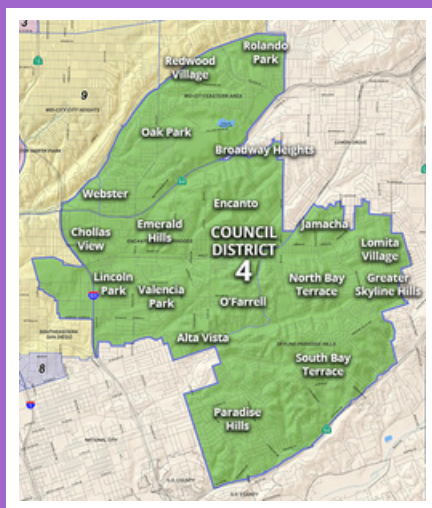


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