



“First 100 Days” Community Update

To a standing room only crowd, I delivered my ‘first 100 days’ community update. It was encouraging to see such a diverse group of community members from neighborhoods all across our district.

The program included: a welcome by Karla Ruiz; community reflections from Cynthia ‘CK’ Suero-Gabler, Laila Aziz and Robert Tambuzi; and Ms. Cathy Ramsey introduced me. It was very important that my community-first approach be depicted, even in the program design.

I elaborated on my goals-based governance model, which consists of three pillars or priorities: **Economic Opportunity for All; Police Reform; and Safe & Healthy Communities.**

It is not enough to have a seat on the dais in Council Chambers, I want to create policies that make a difference for people who live in our community and are working hard to raise a family here.

I shared how we went to work immediately to hire the right staff and establish our budget priorities. Our budget priorities aim to establish equity and focus on the needs of this community. We are advocating for essential resources that impact our quality of life: adequate community-oriented policing, fire-rescue services, safe streets, sidewalks that are paved, working streetlights, libraries, parks and more.

[San Diego City Council District 4 Work Plan](#)

We have been listening to the community from day one and have identified both district-wide and community-specific priorities. We gathered all of this input and developed a [comprehensive work plan](#), which I shared during the update. This work plan is our guide post to implementing and achieving a dignified quality of life for all of us. I want the community to hold us accountable to the objectives laid out in this workplan.

(For more on the ‘first 100 days’ community update, please see special insert.)

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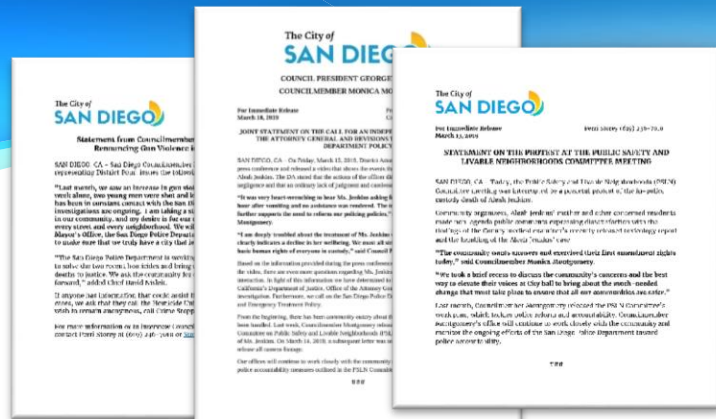
Proposed Parking Requirement Regulatory Reform for Multifamily Residential Development in Transit Priority Areas

This month, the City Council took action on minimum parking requirements for multifamily residential developments located within transit priority areas. As initially drafted, I could not support the item. Under the proposed ordinance, multifamily developments that included at least 20% affordable housing would have been exempt from providing transportation amenities such as healthy food retail, on-site daycare and more. At my request, the exemption removing these amenities was stricken from the ordinance. This is a huge win for us. A community-focused policy perspective has been missing from city hall and I am committed to carrying the voice of the people.

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Gomez	✓	YES
Bry	✓	YES
Campbell	✓	YES
Ward	✓	YES
Montgomery	X	NO
Kersey	✓	YES
Case	✓	YES
Sherman	✓	YES
Moreno	X	NO
4:15 March 12, 2019		
Tuesday Agenda		



Statements Issued | During the month of March, an array of issues required that statements be issued from my office.

Statement on SB 1421 (3/1): "I am pleased to hear that Judge Sturgeon has ruled that local law enforcement agencies must comply with SB 1421. This is a huge win for transparency and accountability. I look forward to working with SDPD on implementation."

Statement Renouncing Gun Violence in the Community (3/1): "I am taking a strong stand against gun violence in our community, and my desire is for our community to remain safe - every street and every neighborhood. We will continue to work with the Mayor's Office, the San Diego Police Department and the community to make sure that we truly have a city that is safe for all."

Statement Issued on Protest at the Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods (PSLN) (3/13): The PSLN Committee meeting was interrupted by a peaceful protest of the in-custody death of Aleah Jenkins. "The community wants answers and exercised their first amendment rights today. We took a brief recess to discuss the community's concerns and the best way to elevate their voices at City hall to bring about the much-needed change that must take place to ensure that all our communities are safer."

Joint Statement Issued on a Call for An Independent Investigation & San Diego Police Department Policy Revisions (3/18): "It was very heart-wrenching to hear Ms. Jenkins asking for help and water for over an hour after vomiting and no assistance was rendered. The treatment displayed in the video further supports the need to reform our policing policies." Considering this, we have determined to formally request that the State of California's Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General conduct an independent investigation. Furthermore, we call on the San Diego Police Department to revise its Paramedic and Emergency Treatment Policy.

For the complete statements, please visit our News page: <https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd4/news-events>

Item HA1 | March 12, 2019 Storage Connect Center Contract Renewal

This month, City Council convened as the Housing Authority (HA). One item came for a vote to continue a transitional storage center in Logan Heights. We were promised that additional facilities would be opened. A year has passed and no additional locations have opened.

I was disappointed to learn that the community's voice was not considered in this contract renewal. I will always stand with the community and cannot support any item that does not include or reflect the voice and concerns of those who will be directly impacted. It is my sincere hope that my **no** vote will send a message to City Staff that this will not stand moving forward.

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- ❖ **Paradise Gardeners** | Zero Waste: Bringing Zero to your Home and Garden | **Thursday, April 11th, 10 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.** Skyline Hills Library, 7900 Paradise Valley Rd., San Diego, CA 92114
- ❖ **Project Reo Clean-up in Paradise Hills** | **April 13th | 7 - 11 a.m.** 2300 Reo Drive, San Diego, CA 92139
- ❖ **Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Meeting** **Wednesday, April 17th, 9 a.m.** 202 C. Street, 12th Floor, San Diego, CA 92101
- ❖ **2019 MACC Contractor Outreach Event & Job Fair** | **Thursday, April 18th, 1 - 4 p.m.** Skyline Hills Library, 7900 Paradise Valley Rd., San Diego, CA 92114
- ❖ **Creek to Bay Clean Up, April 27th** hosted by I Love A Clean San Diego. **For those who want to get involved - this is it!** The mission of the event is to engage community members in removing debris from San Diego's beaches, waterways, canyons, and parks. The District 4 Team will be acting as captains for cleanup sites within the District. **Confirmed cleanup sites include:** Rolando Park - Zena Canyon; Skyline / Paradise Hills - Paradise Valley Road - Skyline Hills Branch Library; Encanto - Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center. **We need volunteers to help clean up!** Please sign up by emailing: cd4news@sandiego.gov!
- ❖ We have scheduled the following Environmental Services Department Community Clean Ups: 5/1/10 - Alta Vista; 5/15/19 - Skyline; 5/21/19 - Encanto; 5/28/19 - Redwood Village; 6/25/19 - Encanto

For a complete list of events, please visit our community calendar: <https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd4/eventscalender>



Landscape Design for Homeowners. This free, three-hour workshop will teach homeowners the basics of how to do a landscape makeover. Topics include soil, design, turf removal, plant selection, planning, irrigation, rainwater catchment and implementation -- all the elements needed to convert high-water-use turf to a beautiful, water-efficient landscape.

For more info, please visit:

https://landscapemakeover.watersmartsd.org/design_workshop/

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Join Councilmember Monica Montgomery for a mocha and informal discussions on the community's concerns.

Community First!

Friday, April 12, 2019 | 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.

Starbucks | 350 Euclid | San Diego, CA 92114

Let's Go To Work.



Bay Terraces Senior Center Groundbreaking Ceremony

After more than two decades of advocacy, the will of the community came to fruition as we celebrated the groundbreaking of this multi-million-dollar investment in our neighborhood.



Constituent Services | Before & After Photos



700 block 65th



5040 block Market



1020 block of Euclid



6200 block Imperial



Reo Drive*



*Weed abatement: Project Reo Collective and Connecting Hope partnering to cleanup Reo Drive.

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After our budget priorities were outlined, we created a comprehensive [workplan](#) for the **Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods (PSLN)**. As chair of the PSLN committee, I know this is such a crucial time for our community. I am carrying the voice of the community and leading the charge on key issues, including police reform – one of my platform pillars. We will be addressing Use of Force policies, changing the structure on the Community Review Board on Police Practices, creating restorative justice opportunities, and the decriminalization of our unsheltered population.

Next, we tackled outlining our **Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations (EDIR)** priorities to ensure economic opportunity for all – another one of my platform pillars. As vice chair of the EDIR committee, we prioritized a component for small business advocacy, including incentives for growing industries to expand in our community. Incentivizing industries to expand within our community is crucial to generate revenue and provide our residents with access to middle-class careers. Our goal is to provide pathways to higher paying jobs that lead to careers for our residents.

My office has been instrumental in mandating an **Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Outreach Program Compliance Audit**. Our EEO analysis of the Pure Water program contract that came before City Council indicated race and gender underrepresentations within the firm’s workforce. An amendment was added to conduct an audit of this contractor. **This was a huge win for workforce diversity and inclusion in public contracts.**

To complete the discussion on my goals-based governance model, I shared a list of services that we prioritized to ensure our community is both – safe and healthy – the final pillar of my platform. The list included: senior services, quality middle income and affordable housing, maintenance and repair of streets, focus on neighborhood code compliance, streetlights, Climate Action Plan, veteran services, nonprofit development and supporting healthy food options.

Community Updates

I shared the following updates that have been of special interest to the community:

- **Tubman Chavez negotiations/Live Well Center:** when we took office, we confirmed that the City intended to donate the Tubman-Chavez Center. Last week, the County Board of Supervisors voted to allow County staff to enter into negotiations to purchase Tubman-Chavez. We are also working closely with Supervisor Fletcher’s office to ensure that the community’s concerns are heard and additional services are added, i.e. Veteran Services, Community Café, Incubator for Non-profits, Job Training and more.
- **Valencia Business Park update:** when we took office, we were informed that the City was moving forward to remove job requirements associated with the development of the Valencia Business Park. We successfully pulled this item and stopped the action from moving forward and are continuing to work with City staff to ensure that the economic development component remains – we must do everything we can to create jobs and a sustainable community.

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- **Four Corners Update:** we are working with Civic San Diego and stakeholders to beautify the corner of Euclid and Imperial. Civic San Diego has identified approx. \$400k for improvements. Improvements will include lighting, ornamental fencing, decorative garbage cans, bike racks, signage and landscape improvements. We are working on a maintenance plan and want to make sure we are providing services for the people who frequent this popular corner. The safety of our children is top priority.
- **Update on Methadone Clinic:** we are continuing to work on addressing concerns expressed regarding the methadone clinic on Euclid Ave. We have contacted State officials and received an update that oversight of facilities will be transitioning to the County – anticipated transition timeframe is 2020. We are also working with City staff to review operational requirements and code compliance matters. We will continue to keep the community updated as we make progress with addressing concerns.

Get It Done Code Enforcement

- The City utilizes the **Get It Done app** to help with tracking and resolving constituent casework. Items that must be referred to outside agencies, i.e. SDGE, MTS and other agencies – can’t be tracked through the app. We inherited a backlog of thousands of such issues. My office has been working with the Mayor’s office to resolve this backlog. **Notwithstanding these issues, we are still going to work on your top five constituency issues: Illegal dumping, potholes, parking, tree trimming and code enforcement.**
- We successfully worked with community members and the Chollas Valley Planning Group to get a **much-needed stop sign installed at Winston Dr. and Geneva Ave. Temporary sign in in the works!** There was a fatality at this intersection in September of 2018. We made this a top priority for the Emerald Hills Community.
- **Graffiti Removal** on Meadowbrook, Paradise Valley Road, Briarwood, Prairie Mound Way, Calle Serena and Cumberland St. We see an uptick in graffiti and are meeting with city officials to create a more efficient system.
- **Abandoned vehicle removed** on Magnus Way.
- **Weed Abatement** on Division Street and Reo Drive.
- **Illegal Dumping Clean up** on Herrick, Manzanares Way, 65th St., and Akins Ave.
- Last Month, we had a clean-up in Rolando Park. It is essential that we all do our part in keeping our communities clean and vibrant.
- **Our Pothole Patrol:** 2,257 Potholes have been filled to-date with 900 potholes filled in February.

This is just a brief summary of the community update. **Please check our calendar for ways to get involved with community cleanups!**

Thank you, community for showing up for our ‘first 100 days’ update. Our grassroots movement continues. The real work has begun. It takes all of us working together.