The People's Councilmember e-Newsletter April 24, 2019

Councilmember Monica Montgomery Council District 4

"For a Better San Diego" Initiative Petition

By a 5- 4 vote, City Council approved the "For a Better San Diego" petition that declared the Council's intention to submit the measure to voters in March 2020, sadly superseding the voice of our voters.

I made it clear with my **no** vote that I remain a champion of the voice of our communities. Seventy-percent (70%) of the voters in our community have spoken loud and clear that ballot measures should be considered during November's general elections when more people participate in the voting process.

As an elected official, I not only have the responsibility of addressing the homeless crisis and our infrastructure needs, but I also must honor my responsibility to my community. Placing this measure on the ballot in March is not representative of the will of the people. It is not representative of the will of our communities. I could not in good faith support this resolution.



Reaction to the U-T Story

Public safety is a top priority for my office and we work to make sure our communities are safe – every street and every neighborhood. When the U-T recently published a story finding a 450% increase in violent crime in our Bay Terraces Community, we immediately analyzed their data. The U-T data provided to my office in essence showed an increase in violent crimes **from 2 to 11 over a five-year period**.

We were extremely disappointed with the U-T's decision to paint one of our safest communities with such a broad stroke as unsafe. Furthermore, we were disappointed that this narrative was published without the actual numbers provided by the San Diego Police Department to present the fullness of the data.

I <u>highly encourage our community to write letters</u> to the <u>U-T editorial staff</u> (email Publisher & Editor, jeff.light@sduniontribune.com | Phone: (619) 293-1201) regarding the presentation of their data about our beloved Bay Terraces Community. There are many other stories that can be published about our communities that don't amplify some preconceived narrative.



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April 17 | Councilmember Montgomery Chairs the Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee that heard the Vehicle Habitation Ordinance Item

As the sole **no** vote (3-1) on the item, the Councilmember shared this comment:

"The way we do business here is extremely reactive. We leave folks out. We must vet things in a more thoughtful way. I agree that this ordinance is from a very privileged perspective. I looked at the Los Angeles Ordinance, and it explains homelessness in a more thoughtful way. There is an interactive map that shows the locations of safe lots, and a more comprehensive diversion program. I can't support this today. I am outvoted but I think it should go back to staff."

You can tune in and watch Council and Committee meetings on City TV24: <u>https://www.sandiego.gov/communications/citytv</u>



America's Finest City The City of San D Voting Results		~
Gomez	X	NO
Bry	X	NO
Campbell	X	NO
Ward	X	NO
Montgomery	X	NO
Kersey	-1/	YES
Cate		YES
Sherman	11	YES
Moreno	X	NO
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April 16 | Consent Agenda Community Projects, Programs, and Services (CPPS) Funding

These worthy community organizations were approved for CPPS funding:

Friends of the Valencia Park/Malcolm X Public Library for programming, Blue Heart Foundation, Depositing Empowerment Through Outreach & Urban Redevelopment (DETOUR) for the FANCY in STEAM Initiative, Paving Great Futures, and The Heartland Coalition: YouthBuild & Construction Careers for Education and Job Placement for Opportunity Youth and Adults. The Councilmember highlighted these organizations.

The Councilmember had the opportunity to attend the Blue Heart Foundation's Signing Day and three of the four young men went to Lincoln High School. One of them was accepted to 69 colleges, and another one was accepted to 47 colleges.

April 8 | Item 203 "Save Skateworld"

Amazing community support! People from all across San Diego showed up to City Council to oppose the purchase & sale of the property at 6901–21 Linda Vista Road (a no vote). Over 40 speakers appeared at Council to oppose this item.

The People's Councilmember supported the community and voted "no" on the item, sharing this comment:

"I do appreciate the history of this effort. I usually prefer to give deference to my fellow councilmembers for items in their districts but in this case, I would rather be in the place where we have honored the community's voice."

Community. Courage. Consistency.

- Creek to Bay Clean Up, 4/27/19 hosted by I Love A Clean San Diego. 9 a.m. Noon. Register at www.creektobay.org. To join us, meet at our Skyline Hills Library, 7900 Paradise Valley Rd.
- Councilmember Montgomery is encouraging everyone to get involved with the City's budget process. Community Budget Meeting, April 30th at 8 a.m. Voice & Viewpoint, 3619 College Avenue, San Diego, CA 92115. For the key budget dates in the flyer below, please click the link to the .pdf: https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/cd4newsrelease19 0417.pdf
- Upcoming Environmental Services Department Community Cleanups: 5/1/19 – Alta Vista; 5/15/19 – Skyline; 5/21/19 – Encanto; 5/28/19 – Redwood Village; 6/25/19 – Encanto
- Now Enrolling Ages 2 Kindergarten, Open House: 4/27, 5/18 & 6/8. 11 a.m. 1 p.m. Greater Life Church, 1012 Derby St., San Diego, CA 92114. (619) 487-0409 or preschool@greaterlifesd.org Also at the church: now enrolling Full STEAM Ahead Summer Camp Program, June 17 August 23, Ages 5-17. (619) 263-8101 or summercamp@greaterlifesd.org.
- FREE! Elementary Institute of Science FIRE (Future Innovation in Robotics & Engineering) Informational Session, 5/8/19. 6:30 p.m. 608 51st Street, San Diego, CA 92114.

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



PAY EQUITY AUDIT CITY EMPLOYEE EARNINGS

PAY FOR WHITE MEN AVERAGING \$98,026

PAY FOR ASIAN MEN AVERAGING \$87,435

PAY FOR WHITE WOMEN AVERAGING \$81,405

PAY FOR HISPANIC OR LATINO MEN AVERAGING \$78,473

PAY FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN MEN AVERAGING \$72,714

PAY FOR ASIAN WOMEN AVERAGING \$71,900

PAY FOR HISPANIC OR LATINO WOMEN AVERAGING \$65,428

PAY FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN AVERAGING \$59,816

OURCE: OFFICE OF THE CITY AUDITOR (OCA) PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF CITY EMPLOYEE YAY EQUITY. OCA GENERATED FROM SAPWORKFORCE DATA AND 2017 EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION REPORT.

PAY DISPARITY REVEALED | The earnings shown above depict the findings of a <u>recent audit</u> released by the Office of the City Auditor (OCA). The OCA found that there is a pay disparity for city jobs based on race and gender. **Economic opportunity for all** is one of our top priorities and woven into that fabric is advocacy for equity. On April 23, I was happy to learn that the Mayor is calling for a wage equity study.

Important Contacts

- COUNTY: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES | Fourth Council District area, please contact:
 - <u>Supervisor Nathan Fletcher</u>, District 4
 - Email: <u>Nathan.Fletcher@sdcounty.ca.gov</u>
 - Phone: (619) 531-5544
- EDUCATION (SCHOOLS) | Fourth Council District area, please contact:
 - Dr. Sharon Whitehurst-Payne, Board President, District E
 - Email: <u>swhitehurst-payne@sandi.net</u>
 - Phone: (619) 725-5550
- STATE: LEGISLATION, DMV, HIGHWAY | Fourth Council District area, please contact:
 - <u>Dr. Shirley Weber</u>, Assemblymember, 79th District
 - <u>Contact Dr. Weber</u>
 - District Office: (619) 531-7913
 - o Sacramento: (916) 319-2079

FY 2020 Key Budget Dates		
Monday, April 15 th	Mayor presented FY 2020 Budget at City Council	
Friday, April 26 th	Independent Budget Analyst (IBA) Releases Review of Mayor's FY 2020 Proposed Budget	
Tuesday, April 30th	Join Councilmember Montgomery for the Community Budget Meeting at 3619 College Avenue	8 a.m.
Wednesday, May 1∝	Budget Review Committee meets at the City Administration Building, 202 C. Street, 12 th floor	9 a.m. & 2 p.1 Evening Session 6 p.m.
Thursday, May 2nd & Friday May 3 rd	Budget Review Committee	9 a.m. & 2 p.1
Monday, May 6 th – Wednesday, May 8 th	Budget Review Committee	9 a.m. & 2 p.1
Monday, May 13 th	Budget Review Committee	Evening Session 6 p.m.
Tuesday, May 14 th	Mayor Releases MAY REVISE	-
Monday, June 3 nd	IBA Releases Final Report on City Council Modifications	
Monday, June 10 th	City Council votes on FY 2020 Budget	2 p.m.
Monday, July 1st	New Fiscal Year – Beginning of the FY 2020 Budget	

Let's Go To Work.





Top photo: April 15 | Honoring the legacy of Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier in Major League Baseball during Jackie Robinson Day at Petco Park, along with Jackie Robinson YMCA scholars.

Left photo: April 19 | Participating in Project Reo's Cleanup with the Carpenters Union. Safe and healthy communities.

Cleaning up for Earth Day 4.22.19 | Before & After Photos

