Community,

As one of the safest big cities in the nation, San Diego has seen a citywide rash of recent violence across its communities, including some of our District 4 neighborhoods. As the Chair of the Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods, I felt compelled to act to ensure San Diegans are safe on every block, in every neighborhood.

By partnering with community organizations, law enforcement and city leaders, The Peace Movement: Let’s Live, Let’s Love has been developed - as a proactive and holistic approach - to mitigate violence and ensure that all communities are safe. With a tremendous outpouring of community support - on Monday, July 22 - we assembled, at our Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library, to launch this campaign.

The Peace Movement includes both short and long-term goals. The short-term goal of the peace movement is to promote unity, healing and peace in San Diego communities as the San Diego Police Department works to solve crimes and reduce violence. The long-term goal of the peace movement is to provide policy solutions that promote economic justice, foster improved community and police relationships and to improve the overall quality of life for all San Diegans.

My office has also partnered with San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) and SD Hip Hop 5k/The Southeast Art Team to produce an art beautification project on designated SDG&E utility boxes to promote healing themes. We know that art changes lives.

In addition, we have also outlined ten (10) practical steps that community members can take to promote peace. To learn more, please visit our website for updates as they become available: https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd4/peace. It takes all of us working together.

Sincerely,

Monica Montgomery, Councilmember
Fourth Council District
July 15 Council Docket | Item 200: Safe Storage of Firearms Ordinance

While the Councilmember did support this ordinance, she emphasized the need to consider how the city will be enforcing this ordinance in communities like Southeastern San Diego.

As elected officials, it is the Council’s responsibility to vote for policy to protect all San Diegans.

Although law enforcement will not be actively seeking residents who are in violation, the Councilmember stated that she does not want communities of color subjected to a misdemeanor for an honest mistake. It is necessary to balance safety and enforcement.

The Councilmember requested a firm commitment that the City Attorney return to the Public Safety & Livable Neighborhoods Committee to give an update to show how this ordinance is being enforced at a future date. The City Attorney gave a firm commitment to return to discuss the enforcement. Item passed 6-2 vote with Councilmember Mark Kersey absent.

July 17 Budget & Government Efficiency (B&GE) Committee | Item 4: Wireless Communications Information Update

As an informational item, no action was taken. However, the Councilmember did raise concerns regarding the importance of having all relevant information from city staff when decisions are being made.

This includes agreements made by mayoral staff and cost study impacts as the city moves to deploy the new 5G technology. By not being adequately informed, the Council may be at a disadvantage.

Concerns were raised during public comment regarding the lack of transparency and local hire requirements during negotiations of the Verizon Public–Private Partnership. Additional concerns were also expressed regarding budget implications with expedited approvals associated with the permitting process.

The Councilmember will continue to monitor information and will provide community updates as available.

Important Reminder

Beginning August 7, City Council will be on legislative recess. During recess, there will be no regularly scheduled council or committee meetings. Council meetings will resume on Monday, September 9 at 2 p.m.

Tubman-Chavez district office hours will follow the legislative hiatus – beginning August 9. Community meetings with the Councilmember will resume on September 6, 2019.
❖ National Night Out at Gompers Park, August 6 from 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
❖ FREE Workshop: Healthy Eating on the Go presented by Sharp HealthCare, August 7 from 5 – 6 p.m. Skyline Hills Library, 7900 Paradise Valley Rd.
❖ 7th Annual Health Fair & Back to School Kickoff, Saturday, August 10 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The O’Farrell Charter School, 6130 Skyline Dr.
❖ Need Help with your COMMUNITY PROJECTS, PROGRAMS and SERVICES (CPPS) RFQ Submission? Join us at the Tubman–Chavez Community Center on August 14, 6:30 p.m. for a CPPS Community Workshop. To register: https://bit.ly/2K1q6x
❖ CA Census 2020, Friday, August 16, from 10 am – Noon. Learn how to engage the hard to count population. To register: https://conta.cc/2SX6fdP
❖ SAVE THE DATE: 5th Annual Diamond Street Festival on Saturday, August 31 from Noon – 7 p.m. There will be a Proclamation presentation, and the Council office will have a booth.

For a complete list of community meetings and events, please visit our digital platform: https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd4/eventslisting
The Council Office continues its efforts to rid our neighborhoods of graffiti/tagging. This is our commitment to eradicate blight from our communities.

This fence on Montcliff Road, in our Bay Terraces Community, is now tag-free. These red placards in our Rolando Park Community are also tag free.

Please join us. When you see graffiti, please report it immediately using the Get It Done app or the website: https://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done. It takes all of us working together.

Safe & Healthy Communities

Safe and healthy communities remain a top priority for the council office.

There were deplorable conditions reported (litter and feces) in the community’s high transit priority area, at the MTS bus stop on Euclid Avenue.

Thanks to our staff and MTS, the bus stop was immediately cleared of debris and washed to maintain a sanitary standard.