State of the District 2020

Community, thank you!

I delivered my first State of the District address aimed at highlighting the real problems that we face, and the real solutions required to tackle the issues that plaque our community and city.

What are the real problems in our district and in our city?

The problems are inequity and inequality. We face this inequity in the lack of economic opportunity, the lack of police and community relations, and the disparate number of unsheltered people. The practice of leadership, in this city, is to table the voice of the community. This is why I am so committed to be the community’s voice at city hall. It is an honor to shepherd San Diego at a time like this. Thank you for being present and being visible. It takes all of us working together.

For the complete speech including real solutions, please visit our news page: https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd4/news-events.

We designed a diverse and inclusive program, reflective of the rich cultural texture in our district.

Ms. Chida Rebecca served masterfully, as our Mistress of Ceremonies. The program included: the invocation by Rev. Dr. J. Lee Hill, Jr.; welcome by ECC President Carlos Turner Cortez; community performances by Heartbeat Music & Performing Arts Academy and Morse High School honor student, Altair Lance Aguelo; a presentation of our 2019 Year in Review Video; the Kumeyaay Blessing by Ana Gloria Rodriguez; and Elida Chavez gave me a very warm and gracious introduction.

We are humbled and grateful for the love and support of our community.

Sincerely,

Monica Montgomery, Councilmember
Fourth Council District
Wednesday, January 29 | Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods at 9 a.m.

This month, the Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods convened its first meeting of 2020. The discussion agenda included a draft Council Policy on Streetlight Sensor Data Use.

Notwithstanding the importance of the crime-solving capabilities of the sensor data – activists, community members, professors, and privacy advocates made compelling public comments about the need for some policy oversight of this new surveillance technology.

As chair of the committee, Councilmember Montgomery made the following comment:

“It is no secret that we live in a technological era, with different tools and programs vastly developing. And, there is no denying the benefit and crucial role that these tools can play in assisting with solving crimes, as we have seen recently with hit and run accidents in different neighborhoods of our city. However, allowing surveillance technology to show up in our neighborhoods unannounced and uncontrolled will only further erode trust between our communities, our City officials, and our law enforcement agencies. Too many of these programs are moving forward without public conversation, careful consideration of the costs and benefits, or adequate policies in place to prevent misuse and protect rights. We cannot deny that we are here today because of the imbalance between what these technologies are capable of, and people’s rightful expectation to privacy. As policymakers, we must commit to bring the decision-making process out of the shadows of City Hall and into the public.”

The People’s Councilmember moved to reject the proposed policy and direct the City Attorney’s Office and City staff to work with the Committee Consultant to draft an ordinance that is comprehensive and inclusive in defining surveillance technology, establishes both an annual data use report and data use policy, establishes processes for encouraging transparency, accountability, and public deliberation, establishes rules and approval processes for the acquisition and use of surveillance technology, as well as specifies guidelines around authorized usage and third-party data sharing, and finally, includes safeguards to protect the civil rights and civil liberties of residents. With unanimous support of committee members, the item will return to PS&LN after legal review for further discussion and action.

**Status of the Proposed Interfaith Shelter Network Housing Units Project on Logan Avenue**

After careful consideration of the complex issues around the proposed project on 50th St. and Logan Avenue, Interfaith Shelter Network is not moving forward with this project.

**Housing Discrimination in Our Community**

Be a part of reducing housing discrimination in our community! The City of San Diego, in partnership with the San Diego Regional Alliance for Fair Housing, wants to hear about your experiences with housing discrimination issues and concerns. Visit [https://www.sandiego.gov/cdbg/fairhousing/ai](https://www.sandiego.gov/cdbg/fairhousing/ai) to fill out an anonymous survey. Your participation and input are important to fair housing in our community!
For a complete list of community council meetings and events, please visit our online community calendar: https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd4/eventslisting


Do you want to meet with the People’s Councilmember to share your community concerns? Our Friday district office hours will now be at a new location: George Stevens Fourth District Seniors Resource Center, 570 S 65th St. To schedule your 20-minute appointment, please email Ms. Stephanie Sanchez: SMSanchez@sandiego.gov, or call (619) 236-6644.

Women of Color ROAR Breakfast, Saturday, Feb. 1. Doors open at 7:30 am. Jacobs Center, 404 Euclid Avenue.

MTS Elevate SD Workshop, Saturday, Feb. 1 from 9–11 am. 1255 Imperial Avenue, Board Meeting Room – 10th Floor.

How to Join Your Community Planning Group, hosted by Circulate San Diego, Tuesday, Feb. 4 from 6–8 pm. Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. Facebook Event Link: https://www.facebook.com/events/2603341246410825/

Note: Our very own District 4 Council Representative, Karen Montufar–Federico will participate on the panel, and Policy Advisor, Eric Henson will serve as a moderator for the event.

Horton Elementary 100th Day Celebration, Wednesday, Feb. 5. Program begins at 12:30 pm. 5050 Guymon St.

New Year, New Business Workshop, Thursday, Feb. 6 from 9 am – Noon. CONNECT ALL @ The Jacobs Center, 404 Euclid Avenue, 2nd floor.

Black History in Motion 2020, Thursday, Feb. 6 from 4:30 – 6 pm. Golden Hall, 202 C. Street. Councilmember Montgomery present proclamation proclaiming it Black History Month in the city of San Diego.

Public Workshop to Discuss Boone Elementary Joint–Use Field, Thursday, Feb. 6 from 6 – 8 pm. Boone Elementary School Auditorium, 7330 Brookhaven Rd.

Voice & Viewpoint 60th Diamond Anniversary Gala, Friday, Feb. 7. Reception at 6:30 pm. Dinner starts at 7 pm. Jacobs Center Celebration Hall, 404 Euclid Avenue.

Family Day, Saturday, Feb. 8 from 10 am – 3 pm. 5055 Federal Blvd. in the back–parking lot.

Committee on Public Safety & Livable Neighborhoods, Councilmember Montgomery, Chair. Wednesday, Feb. 12 begins at 9 am. City Hall, 202 C St. 12th floor.

Franchise Fee Agreement Workshop, Tuesday, Feb. 18 from 5:30 – 7 pm. Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market St.

Broadway Heights Community Council (BHCC), Thursday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. 6805 Panocha Court.

San Diego Community Power, Thursday, Feb. 27 from 5–7 pm, 202 C Street, 12th Floor, Council Chambers. Website Link: https://www.sandiego.gov/sustainability/clean-and-renewable-energy/ccea

March for Black Womxn SD, Sunday, Mar. 8 at 10 am. Intersection of Euclid & Logan Avenue.

Note: Celebrating the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Safe & Healthy Communities | Thank YOU Community Members Hameed Abdur-Rahim & Reverend Alfie Webb for Weed Abatement Cleanup

Get It Done Closed Case | Improved Stop Sign Condition

It takes all of us working together!