Dear Community,

Throughout the pandemic, my office has worked diligently to organize community cleanups to tackle illegal dumping and connect our residents with resources. We activated our emergency communications protocols to provide our community with food security options, employment opportunities, COVID-19 testing and vaccine locations, as well as keeping you updated on our policy advances at City Hall.

This month, the state of California fully reopened and eliminated the tier system along with updated guidelines on mask usage. In addition to now being able to enjoy the freedom of in-person community celebrations, we also fought for a FY '22 budget that returned investment to our communities of concern.

We were able to fortify our community by working with our grassroots organizations. Together, we were able to get through the worst of it. We are emerging from one of the darkest periods with a renewed vigor for community-centered governance and amplifying the voice of our community.

Inside this special edition reboot of our monthly eNews, we share the following updates:

- Juneteenth Celebration at City Hall
- 2021 Walls of Excellence Induction Ceremony
- FY '22 Budget wins for communities of concern
- Community calendar, Skyline-Paradise Community cleanup and more

We remain committed to our valued residents. Please do not hesitate to email cd4news@sandiego.gov with your questions, concerns, and ideas for improving our neighborhoods.

In your service,

Monica Montgomery Steppe, Councilmember

Fourth Council District



June Highlights







June 12 | 21st Annual Walls of Excellence Induction Ceremony

The late Councilmember George Stevens built the Walls of Excellence monument, located at Wille James Jones and Imperial Avenue, to confer distinction on high school seniors from the Fourth Council District high schools. For over 20 years, the Fourth Council District Office has carried on this tradition. We are proud to continue this legacy. Class of 2021 Walls of Excellence Distinguished Honorees:

Lincoln High School: Isolina Delgado, Temple Daniel, and Giovany Mendoza Ramirez

Morse High School: Liezl Joy Malamion Luzano, Patrick Punzalan Rantins, and Erika Claudette Rivera (not present)

Gompers Preparatory Academy: Sarai Garcia Galeana, Esther Gardea Hernandez, and Daniela Suarez

San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts: Courvosiea Irby (not present), Dianne Natanauan, and Julieann Nodora

June 19 | Juneteenth Day in the city of San Diego

This year, a special City Hall celebration was held to proclaim June 19 to be Juneteenth Day in the city of San Diego, which included flying the Juneteenth flag at City Hall for the first time. The Emancipation Proclamation ended slavery in 1863, but it would take another two and a half years for the state of Texas to finally comply on June 19, 1865. For African Americans, Juneteenth is celebrated as an Independence Day. It is a day of liberation and freedom commemorating the official end of slavery in our nation. Although the fight for racial and social equity continues, we were proud to host a celebration and display the Juneteenth Flag at City Hall. Thank you to the Cooper Family Foundation and Fit, Black, and Educated (FBE) - both organizations received ceremonial proclamations. Also, a special thank you to Rochelle Porter, the Juneteenth flagmaker.

Your Voice at City Hall & Beyond

June 1 | Councilmember was sworn in for her role on the Reparations Task Force: The Councilmember said, "It is a heavy honor to do this work. We must face our history head on if we are to move toward a more just world. The fact is African Americans and other enslaved populations, like Native Americans in California, built our country for free—and then were locked out of all the economic benefits of their labor for generations. We cannot erase that damage, but we can work to ensure it doesn't hold back future generations. We must measure the impact of this systemic racism on generational wealth and economic opportunity, so we can make educated decisions on how to correct it moving forward."

June 14 | Approval of the Fiscal Year '22 Budget: The Councilmember's proposed amendment to cut \$6 million from the police overtime budget was not a cut in public safety. It was an effort to make funding available for an investment in crime prevention. This investment was the path forward to begin the process of holistically and proactively addressing public safety in our communities of concern. Safe and healthy communities are created. It is an intentional effort. Therefore, communities that have been historically ignored are less safe. This isn't a coincidence. It is the result of decades of intentional disinvestment into our communities of concern. Despite the lack of discussion on the \$6 million amendment to reprogram San Diego Police Department's overtime funding, the approved FY'22 budget did include funding for the following with a lens on equity: Emerald Hills Park Funding for Design; Oak Park Library funding for Design; Chollas Oak Park Trail Construction; Cielo/Woodman Pump Station, 54th-Market to Santa Margarita Sidewalk; Reo Drive New Street Lights; Division Street and Valencia Parkway Traffic Signal; 47th Street and Solola Avenue Traffic Signal; Continued funding for Office of Race & Equity; Commission on Police Practices funding; Increase to Arts and Culture funding; Additions to Graffiti Abatement, Weed Abatement, Tree Trimming, and Streetlights; Creation of Office of Child and Youth Success; and Restoration of Library hours.

June 24 | Special Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods (PSLN) Committee Meeting: A special PSLN committee meeting was convened to give the community an opportunity to provide feedback on the draft implementation ordinance for the new independent Commission on Police Practices. The work of the implementation ordinance must be conducted thoroughly and carefully. This will require time. The community will continue to have ample opportunity to provide input and feedback on the various drafts as the process continues to evolve. We look forward to continuing the conversation in the upcoming weeks and months and continuing to work through the details of the draft ordinance to ensure that the spirit and intentions of Measure B are properly reflected.

Community. Courage. Consistency.

- Friday Office Hours: email smsanchez@sandiego.gov to request your 30-minute virtual meeting with the People's Councilmember. Don't delay, email us today.
- ♣ Community Projects, Programs, and Services (CPPS) Funding
 – RFQ available July 1 30, 2021: For more information:
 https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cpps
 For questions:
 email CPPS@SanDiego.gov or contact
 Courtney Thomson, (619) 236-5918, ThomsonC@SanDiego.gov
- ↓ July 7 Mobile Health Fair from 10 a.m. 3 p.m: Free resources including diabetes screen, COVID-19 testing and Pfizer vaccines, food distribution & more at Jackie Robinson YMCA, 151 YMCA Way.
- **↓ July 10 Softball Game & Career Fair**: From 11 a.m. − 5 p.m. at the MLK Park, 6401 Skyline Drive.
- ♣ Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding available to nonprofit organizations: Round two "Community Economic Development" projects (\$1,688,019); and Round two CARES Act for "Public Service" projects (\$758,172) to prevent, prepare for and/or respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) deadline submittal deadline will be July 23, 2021, at 5 p.m. (PT). Organizations interested in applying for these grant funds are encouraged to review the pre-recorded virtual RFQ and RFP workshops:
- **♣** RFQ: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TIJMSOfqN5c&feature=youtu.be These workshops describe the requirements and process for applying for grant funds. For more information: https://www.sandiego.gov/cdbg/apps
- **Save the date: Thursday, August 26, 2021 9 a.m. −11 a.m.** C&C **Mentor Protégé Program**. For more information: https://www.candcmentorprotege.com/
- RESOURCES
 - **❖ Government Jobs**: https://bit.ly/2VWTQSb
 - San Diego Workforce Partnership Career Portal for Job Seekers: https://workforce.org/jobseekers
 - * Rent and Utilities Payment Assistance Information: https://www.sdhc.org/housing-opportunities/helpwith-your-rent/covid-19-rental-assistance/
 - Mental Health First Aid Training: https://www.mentalhealthfirstaidsandiego.com/
 - SD Access 4 All (bridging the digital divide): https://www.sandiego.gov/sdaccess









Partnership opportunities are BUILT

The Unified Port of San Diego and the City of San Diego are among those committed to building partnerships between large and small construction and commodities firms.

- We have an opportunity help small businesses participate in more public works contracts.
- We need your assistance in mentoring these small firms to enhance their growth potential.
- Let's work together to expand the pool of qualified small business partners.

Thursday, August 26th, 2021 9:00 – 11:00 am



RSVP by August 20th, 2021 with names of attendees to: info@candcmentorprotege.com

Virtual Presentation

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SWINERTON TURNER
SWINERTON & COMMODITIES STEERING COMMITTEE

June 26



Clean, Safe & Healthy Communities Initiatives | Dumpster Days

As crucial components of our ongoing commitment to have clean, safe and healthy communities, our <u>D4 Green Team</u> partnered with local waste management companies to make five (5) bins available for the Skyline-Paradise Community Cleanup on Saturday, June 26, 2021.

"Dumpster Days" is a responsible way to address illegal dumping in our neighborhoods. Through our combined efforts, we have removed nearly 550 tons of trash from the community since we came into office with organized cleanups throughout the entire Fourth Council District. We are delivering on our promise for clean, safe and healthy communities. A clean community is safer and healthier.

To join the D4 Green Team movement, please complete the volunteer application:

https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd4/green-team-volunteer-application