



The People's Councilmember  
**Monica Montgomery Steppe**  
Council District 4

September & October eNews

*Special Edition*

### **Southeastern Live Well Center Groundbreaking Ceremony**

On Friday, October 1, 2021, we officially broke ground on the **Southeastern Live Well Center**. The new center will offer a full array of services, including community meeting space, financial assistance, wellness services, restorative justice services, and services for the differently abled and our military veterans.



**We have a responsibility to build our communities in a healthy and restorative way.** We have an obligation to help our neighbors – the single mother who needs assistance and a young person on probation who is trying to make a better life for themselves. I support this center and know it will be a beacon of hope and light that represents who we are as a community.

**In addition to \$6 million for local hiring**, the project will pay a fair share for traffic improvements in the community. We also were able to negotiate a deal that dedicated the **proceeds from the sale of the Tubman Chavez Community Center to important infrastructure improvements across the Fourth Council District: Traffic calming measures** in our Rolando Park neighborhood, **basketball court lighting** at our Martin Luther King Recreation Center, the **purchase of properties to activate our Imperial Avenue corridor**, and **over a million dollars in funding for the construction of new sidewalks** in our Paradise Hills and Jamacha/Lomita Village neighborhoods. **This is a win for every part of our district.** For more information on the Southeastern Live Well Center, visit: [livewellsd.org](http://livewellsd.org).

In your service,

Monica Montgomery Steppe, Councilmember  
Fourth Council District



**Proudly Representing the Community**



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O'Farrell • Paradise Hills • Redwood Village • Rolando Park •  
South Bay Terraces • Valencia Park • Webster

# September & October Highlights



## October 1 | Investment Returns to Council District Four

We have 35 million reasons to celebrate this investment into preserving the iconic Educational Cultural Complex (ECC) Theatre, which has been an invaluable asset in Southeastern San Diego. At the intersection of arts and activism, we have reaped the benefits of change on this landmark civil rights campus. ECC has been a valued partner, a community safe space, and the center of the cultural revolution in our community.



## October 7 | Jackie Robinson Family YMCA Pool Groundbreaking: Advancing Health Equity in the Community

Proximity plus access builds equity. Drowning is the second leading cause of accidental deaths in our children ages one to 14. The new aquatic center advances our fight for health equity. Families can learn to swim, play water sports, and participate in low impact water exercises. This is a big win for the community. Thank you to the many advocates, donors, and policymakers who made this day possible.

## Amplifying Your Voice at City Hall & Beyond

**September 8 | Press Conference with San Diego Workforce Partnership on \$1 Million Investment:** The People's Councilmember continues her work to reverse years of intentional disinvestment in our opportunity youth by providing mentorships, job training, and interrupting the school to prison pipeline. Changing the trajectory of the lives of young people. Thank you, equity partners. Learn more: [workforce.org](https://workforce.org).

**September 9 & 14 | Public Hearing & Community Input Meeting of the Redistricting Commission:** If you missed the public hearing and community input meeting, you still have an opportunity to be involved. Now is the time to be engaged in this process to help determine the new boundary lines for Council District Four. To learn more, submit a comment, and create your own map, please visit: <https://portal.sandiego-mapping.org/>

**September 9 | Walk Audit with Circulate San Diego:** With budget season quickly approaching, now is the time to document and advocate for our infrastructure needs. Our office walked with community members and Circulate SD to document our community's needs for safer streets from San Jacinto Dr. to Merlin Dr.

**September 21 San Diego City Council Meeting | Water Rates Change Effective January 1, 2022:** City Council unanimously approved the change. It is tough to raise rates when many residents are still struggling with the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, but the city's aging infrastructure could collapse without funding for upgrades in the coffers. This was the most fiscally responsible decision.

**September 30 | Grand Opening of the Construction Service Workers Staffing Agency:** Proud to celebrate the grand opening of Construction Service Workers (CSW) in Council District Four. CSW seeks to help residents, in our historically under resourced communities, get back to work. Economic opportunity for all is one of our pillars of governance and creating pathways to middle-class careers is a crucial step. Construction Service Workers (CSW) holds the distinction of being the only African American woman owned and operated business to provide staffing in the construction industry. CSW is certified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and an Underutilized Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (UDBE) in 25 states, holds a nationwide 8a SBA certification as a Woman Owned Small Business (WOSB), and a supplier clearinghouse certification from the Utilities Commission as a Woman Minority Owned Business (WMBE) in the state of California. **CSW is NOW HIRING!** For more info on CSW, please visit: [constructionserviceworkers.com](https://constructionserviceworkers.com).



# Community. Courage. Consistency.

✚ **Getting Vaccinated:** COVID-19 vaccines are effective at helping protect against severe disease and death, including [variants of the virus](#) that cause COVID-19 currently circulating (e.g. Delta variant). Although there have been breakthrough cases, the data is clear that the vaccine is indeed a lifesaving measure. There is a community vaccination site at **Bayview Baptist Church**, 6134 Pastor Timothy J Winters St, San Diego, CA 92114. **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

✚ **County of San Diego Rent, Utility & Security Deposit Assistance:** Have you been financially impacted by the pandemic? Renters and landlords apply for the County's emergency rent, utility, and security deposit assistance programs. **Don't delay, apply today:** [sdhcd.org](https://sdhcd.org) or call (858) 694-4801.

## ✚ **Funding Opportunities:**

- ❖ **Community Development Block Grants:** Deadline is October 22, 2021 at 5 p.m. For info: <https://www.sandiego.gov/cdbg/apps>
- ❖ **Organization Support Program (OSP)** provides general operating support to tax-exempt, nonprofit, arts and culture organizations, for delivery of activities and programming. To apply: <https://www.sandiego.gov/arts-culture/funding/osp>
- ❖ **Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD)** provides project support for nonprofit organizations to deliver dynamic projects in San Diego neighborhoods. To apply: <https://www.sandiego.gov/arts-culture/funding/ccsd>

✚ **San Diego Black Homebuyer's Program:** The Black Homebuyers Program — the first of its kind in California — was founded and seed-funded by an initial pledge of \$1 million by The San Diego Foundation Black Community Investment Fund, with the goal to improve the racial wealth gap in San Diego. In San Diego, fewer than 30% of Black families own homes compared to 61% of white families. **Learn more about the SD Black Homebuyers Program at [www.sdul.org](http://www.sdul.org).**

## ✚ **Career Opportunities:**

- ❖ **San Diego Workforce Partnership Programs**  
**Construction Career Jumpstart:** Want to start a career in energy, construction, and utilities? Construction Career Jumpstart is a paid, hands-on program that prepares people for a career path to become welders, linemen/linewomen, electricians, and several other skilled positions paying \$60k+ a year within 3-5 years. Learn more about the program and apply here: <https://workforce.org/ccj>  
**TechHire:** Ready to advance your career in tech? SDWP is looking for Black San Diegans that are 18 or older and have education and/or training in a tech field to join TechHire. They will match you with an internship and/or employment opportunities in fields like computer programming, network and support, multimedia and design, analytics and more. Learn more about the program and apply at <https://j.mp/2RnBDRI>
- ❖ **FALCK is Hiring!** To apply, visit: <https://www.falck.com/>



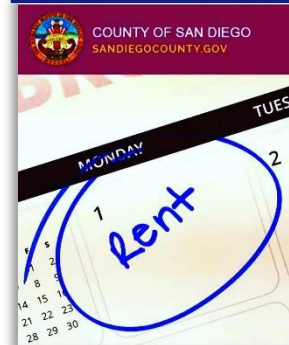
## Free Vaccine Clinic

No appointment needed

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11 am - 5 pm

Bayview Baptist Church

6134 Pastor Timothy J Winters St



## HAVE YOU BEEN FINANCIALLY IMPACTED BY THE PANDEMIC?

### WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

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Applications accepted as long as funds are available.

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Previous applicants may be eligible for additional assistance.



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~OPERATIONS MANAGER

~DATA ENTRY CLERK

~PROGRAM MANAGER





# D4 Green Team



September 3 | Cleanup on 47<sup>th</sup> Street with Caltrans, community volunteers and the D4 Green Team.

Tackling illegal dumping and delivering on our promise for clean communities.

September 18 | Potomac Park Native Garden  
Thank you, Paradise Gardeners and the community, for your commitment to this mulching effort. Thank you, SDG&E, for donating \$7,500 and for turning out volunteers for mulching day.

## Clean, Safe & Healthy Communities Initiatives | Dumpster Days

As crucial components of our ongoing commitment to have clean, safe and healthy communities, our [D4 Green Team](#) has partnered with local waste management companies to make bins available for our next Community Clean Up on **Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 9 a.m. in our Mountain View neighborhood at the intersection of Logan Avenue and S 46<sup>th</sup> Street.**

"Dumpster Days" is a responsible way to address illegal dumping in our neighborhoods. Through our combined efforts, we have **removed over 600 tons of trash** from the community 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>

