COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM MONICA MONTGOMERY STEPPE COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

#CD4 Monthly Newsletter

For the month of March, we celebrate Women's History Month in honor of all the incredible achievements of women around the world and throughout history in paving a way for a better tomorrow.

In collaboration with Mayor Gloria, my office honored District 4 resident Cathy Ramsey as the City of San Diego's Woman of Distinction 2022.

As a Skyline resident, Ms. Ramsey constantly puts others before herself and strives to better the community through volunteerism. Among the long list of accomplishments in her professional endeavors, Ms. Ramsey has historically been a tireless servant and advocate to the **community.** She has fought for real solutions where the community was met with division and has been a champion for growth that will leave a legacy for many generations to come.

Congratulations to her accomplishment and recognition this month!

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MAR 1 | CITY COUNCIL

VOTE TO REDUCE TAX RATE FOR CANNABIS PRODUCTION FACILITIES (CPFS)

In February, I voted against reducing the tax rate for CPFS in the City of San Diego. While this is an important stride for our city, it is also important to create equitable opportunities to all, particularly those who have been impacted by the War on Drugs. I believe that creating a social equity assessment program is a fundamental step to our expansion of cannabis production.

With that, the Department of Cannabis Business Development is conducting outreach sessions in fulfilling the **Cannabis Equity Assessment** I requested last month. Stay tuned for the announcement of the outreach session hosted by my office on **April 16, 2022 from 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM**.

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MAR 9 | PUBLIC SAFETY AND LIVEABLE NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE

DISCUSSION ON COMMITTEE PRIORITIES FOR 2022

The **Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods** has approved the 2022 Work Plan. As the chair of this committee, I have been an advocate of developing a comprehensive work plan that details **programs and initiatives to address the rise in unsheltered population, strengthen law enforcement and community relationships, and other priority goals.** You can review the full details of this work plan_here.

MAR 15| CITY COUNCIL

UPDATE TO THE CITY'S 5-YEAR EMAIL RETENTION PLAN

On March 15th, City Council voted to change the policy of retaining city emails from forever to 5 years. This shift ultimately would reduce city costs over **the next five years from \$1.48 million to \$266,000**, even as the City has the **longest retention policy in the state**.

While this new policy will take effect in 2023, I will continue to advocate for **transparency and accountability** among our governing bodies in the city.

MAR 15 | CITY COUNCIL - APPOINTMENT NOMINATIONS

DANIELLE MOORE APPOINTED TO SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

On March 15th, City Council voted to appoint **Danielle More to appointed to the San Diego Unified Port Board of Commissioners!** As a renewable energy attorney, Ms. Moore is well qualified and ready to assist the Port with rigorous investments that will improve our city's climate impact. I was proud to nominate Ms. Moore and receive support from colleagues as she becomes the **2nd Black woman to serve as a Port Commissioner for our City.** Congratulations to Danielle Moore on this outstanding achievement!

Learn more about how to serve on our City's Boards and Commissions by visiting:

https://www.sandiego.gov/boards-and-commissions

#DumpsterDays hosted by sp. MONICA MONTGOMERY STEPPE



Black Arts and Culture District Designation

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My office has been advocating **with key community partners** for a Black Arts and Culture District in District 4, where we will **celebrate the history and legacy of the contributions of Black individuals** to the City of San Diego.

On April 13th, the Committee on Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations (ED&IR) will discuss the Resolution to designate the Marie Widman Park area, located in the historical Imperial Corridor, as the **City's Black Arts and Culture District**.

#DUMPSTERDAYS

As crucial components of our ongoing commitment to have **clean**, **safe and healthy communities**, our D4 Green Team will be hosting a community clean up on **April 9th from 9am – 11am** at **Valencia Park Elementary (5880 Skyline Drive)** to properly dispose of unwanted items.

"Dumpster Days" is a responsible way to address illegal dumping in our neighborhoods, and we look forward to promoting the beautification of our communities.

<u>RSVP</u>

Privacy Advisory Board Discussion

Join City Council hearing on **Tuesday**, **April 5th** to hear the discussion on the **Privacy Advisory Board Ordinance**.

This effort has been championed by the Transparent and Responsible Use of Surveillance Technology San Diego (TRUST SD) Coalition, and I look forward to discussing the improvement of transparency for San Diegans.

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Questions? Contact Master Gardener Muriel King, murielssucculents@amail.com or phone/text 619-251-6965

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

On March 25th, we officially celebrated the completion of phase 1 for the beautification of **Valencia Park Secret Steps**. I'd like to thank **Herbert Delong, Isabel Garcia, Shannon White, Shirish Villasenor**, for the hours dedicated in completing the artwork. We also thank Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan for the contribution of **\$15,000** to pay the artists for their work and supplies to complete this project. And, thank you to **Barry Pollard of the Urban Collaborative Project** for his advocacy in completing this project. View this vibrant addition to our community at **Churchward and Dream Street of Valencia Park**.



March marks three years since the beginning of the pandemic. These years have been difficult for everyone, but particularly long and arduous for our healthcare workers. On March 10th, I was honored to join all first responders in celebrating our healthcare heroes and their selfless dedication throughout the pandemic. Thank you for all you do!

In the midst of our rainy season, I was able to join the City's Stormwater Department in their planning efforts to mitigate potential disasters in District 4. Our city employees are working hard to replace our aging and deteriorating pipelines. Thank you for your continued efforts in making sure our communities are safe and healthy.

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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS Chair, Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Member, Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations Committee Member, Committee on Budget and Government Efficiency Member, Committee on Active Transportation & Infrastructure

OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS APPOINTMENTS

Co-Chair, City-County Reinvestment Task Force **Board Representative**, San Diego MTS - Board of Directors

Alternate Representative, San Diego MTS -Executive Committee

Chair, San Diego MTS - Public Security Committee

First Representative and Alternate Chair, San Diego Consortium Policy Board



DISTRICT 4



OFFICE HOURS

FRIDAYS 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

30 MIN VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE

SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT AT SMSANCHEZ@SANDIEGO.GOV

CONFIRM APPOINTMENT

PREPARE



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