IT IS AN HONOR TO SERVE AS YOUR
DISTRICT 7 COUNCILMEMBER

WE’VE HIT THE GROUND RUNNING IN THE FIRST 100 DAYS.

100 Day District Report
By Councilmember Raul Campillo

As your Councilmember, I’m honored to serve you and your families. Despite the challenges posed by COVID-19, my office has not let the pandemic impede the People’s business. Throughout the course of my term, I plan to continue building on the work we have already done to address long standing issues of housing affordability and homelessness, while implementing relief for families and businesses suffering due to the health and economic effects of COVID-19.

I am working to bring forward more affordable housing so that every San Diegan can afford to live near where they work.

ALLIED GARDENS : DEL CERRO : GRANTVILLE : LINDA VISTA
MISSION VALLEY : SAN CARLOS : SERRA MESA : TIERRASANTA
I have advocated to fix our crumbling roads in all neighborhoods of District 7, to make sure the streets we drive on and that our children play on are safe. Your family’s physical and financial health is my highest priority and is at the forefront of my staff’s every effort.

These First 100 Days Have Been Very Productive:

- We’ve built relationships with neighborhood stakeholders and even solved issues that had been plaguing residents for years.
- We’ve provided valuable information to seniors and frontline workers on COVID-19 resources including help with scheduling vaccination appointments.
- We’ve pointed small business owners in the direction of much-needed relief funds.

In this letter, I will detail some of the highlights of our first 100 days in office. Again, thank you for electing me and for entrusting me with this great honor.

Your Councilmember,

Raul Campillo
I am excited to announce that next month, Mayor Todd Gloria and I will be hosting a virtual forum for District 7 residents to discuss the important issues facing our communities. This event will be on Saturday, April 17 at 11am.

REGISTER AT: sandiego.gov/mayorcd7townhall

This is a great opportunity for constituents to have their questions answered directly by myself and the Mayor. We will all be participating in this event virtually from our homes, and I encourage any District 7 resident interested in joining us to register for the event at the link above.
Since I took office in December, one of my greatest honors has been to serve as Chair of the Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations (ED&IR) Committee. The ED&IR Committee's areas of oversight include interagency and bi-national agreements, the San Diego Regional Airport Authority, the Unified Port District of San Diego, the San Diego Convention Center Corporation, city-wide economic development programs and strategy, workforce development, and arts and culture. If you are interested in understanding the inner-workings of the Committee, please read the detailed work plan I wrote on behalf of the Committee. We as a Committee are dedicated to achieving an equitable economic recovery from the devastation wrought by COVID-19 and building a future San Diego economy that works for everyone, regardless of their ZIP code, educational attainment, or other historical disadvantages. If you are a business owner and have ideas on how we can make business easier to do in San Diego, please reach out – we want to hear your thoughts.

Each quarter, we have a new theme at our Committee that dictates what we will be primarily focused on. The theme for the ED&IR Committee for February, March, and April is Small Business and Recovery. As we stressed in our workplan, small businesses are an essential part of the City’s dynamic and diverse economy and culture. The ED&IR Committee will continue advocating for additional small business relief funding in future allocations of federal COVID relief should those be forthcoming, and we are already well into planning for how best to use the funds that will be allocated to us from the stimulus bill known as the American Rescue Plan signed into law by President Biden earlier this month.

**Councilmember Campillo visiting the fantastic Kitchens for Good location in Birdland.**

**Kitchens for Good helps reduces food waste, cooks over 1000 meals daily for San Diegans in need, and trains chefs.**
Any economic recovery plan must put people first and prioritize the creation of good-paying jobs so that San Diegans can first and foremost afford to live near where they work. This is a worker justice issue, a racial justice issue, and a climate issue as well. Part of meeting our crucial climate action goals is improving our mass transit system by achieving transit equity. We can only do that if working San Diegans can easily and affordably access transit to get from home to work and back, and have access to critical necessities like groceries and child care without the need for a vehicle. We understand that it is not sufficient to be “pro-growth” in the context of economic development, we must also be “pro-worker” and “pro-environment.” Following the lead of our new President, we are committed to Building Back Better.

As part of our dedication to supporting struggling small businesses, our Committee will regularly engage the Small Business Advisory Board to gather feedback on what the City can improve upon to help businesses succeed, as well as the various ethnic Chambers of Commerce organizations that have ties to the Black, Latino, and Asian entrepreneurs who often are left out of the conversation. I am proud to lead this effort, and I am optimistic for the possibility of this fund to bolster our economy in the places that need help the most and create good-paying jobs for those ready to take them. We need to grow our economy and we need to do it with everyone at the table.

As part of our commitment to small business relief, we have also begun to consider waiving business fees for certain small businesses within our City and working with industry leaders to identify opportunities to encourage and incentivize entrepreneurship among our veterans in the community. I have heard the call for relief from District 7 small businesses, and I am working to explore all options at the City level to provide this much-needed support.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS (CONTINUED)

It is no secret that San Diego’s economy is heavily dependent on tourism to thrive. That is why I will aggressively promote tourism without losing sight of the other crucial economic engines that make San Diego grow. With this in mind, I recently wrote a letter to Governor Newsom asking him to review the safe reopening guidelines for convention centers so that we can adequately plan for when the San Diego Convention Center, a major economic engine for our region, can be up and running again.

Among others, we must also leverage biotech and military relationships, industries for which San Diego is world-renowned, as well as the local entrepreneurs that thrive on those industries, through state, federal, and international collaboration, to create jobs and stimulate our local economy. District 7 has broad and diverse communities of San Diegans that includes active duty personnel and veterans, entrepreneurs at all stages of business development, essential workers, and many more. I will be a voice for all of their economic needs and interests as the Chair of the ED&IR Committee.

RULES, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND BUDGET COMMITTEES

I also serve as the Vice Chair of the Rules Committee where I am looking forward to taking an active role in the initiative drafting process to get measures before the voters that will move our City in the right direction. If you want to see any changes to the City Charter or have other legislative ideas, please reach out.

Further, I am the Vice Chair of the Public Safety & Livable Neighborhoods Committee where we are developing the City’s Independent Commission on Police Practices and supporting meaningful changes in law enforcement accountability to strengthen public trust and safety in our neighborhoods. We will also address key issues like our city’s ambulance services contract, fire prevention, and supporting our neighborhood with new sidewalks and street lamps to improve pedestrian safety.

Councilmember Campillo delivering meals to senior citizens in District 7 with Meals on Wheels.
Finally, I am a member of the Budget & Government Efficiency Committee, where I have a seat at the table for the critical conversations about our financial planning and how to manage the federal dollars coming into City coffers. The passage of the American Rescue Plan has allowed us to fill in the $230 million budget shortfall that was created when our tourism economy suffered from COVID-19, and Mayor Gloria's priorities for the stimulus funds are a great start to the conversation we will be having in April and May. We hope to avoid making any kind of cut to services that our constituents could see or feel – please reach out with any concerns or ideas you have.

**SANDAG, MISSION TRAILS, AND THE SAN DIEGO RIVER**

In addition to the four committees that I serve on at the City level, I am honored to be an alternate to the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) Board of Directors and to be a member of two SANDAG Committees: Public Safety and Transportation. I am looking forward to continuing the work at SANDAG of bringing our region's transportation infrastructure into the future, achieving transit equity in our region and reach our crucial climate action goals, with more buses, improved roads and connections, and connecting workers to their job sites.

I also serve as Chair of Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force and am on the San Diego River Conservancy Board. Recently, I had the opportunity to forge a fantastic partnership with San Diego Board of Supervisors Chair Nathan Fletcher to form a San Diego River Task Force. Together, through our mutual commitment to the success of the River, we hope to make major gains on behalf of San Diego residents as it relates to recreation services around the River. We recently had our first meeting, where we discussed how the City and County can work together to build out the River master plan. We hope to create a contiguous bike and pedestrian trial from Ocean Beach past Mission Gorge and beyond.

*Councilmember Campillo participating in San Diego River Park Foundation’s unsheltered modified census, along with PATH experts who provided insights on how to best connect our unsheltered neighbors with services.*
I would not have been able to accomplish so much in my First 100 Days in office had it not been for my fantastic staff. My staff is constantly in contact with members of the Community to take their feedback and relay it to me so that I can make informed decisions on the dais and vote the way our constituents would want me to. They are also ready, willing and able to spring into action at any moment to assist District 7 residents with any issue that involves the City.

To simply name a few accomplishments, members of my staff have been able to help constituents get potholes filled, have streets repaved, have missing signs and streetlights replaced, get graffiti removed from public parks, commission traffic studies to address unsafe driving conditions, get a missed trash or recycling collection picked up, and apply for government assistance through programs they qualify for. For assistance with any City issue, constituents can always reach us by calling 619-236-6677, or at RaulCampillo@sandiego.gov.

VISIT OUR WEBPAGE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR STAFF WHO HAVE NEARLY 50 YEARS OF COLLECTIVE EXPERIENCE SERVING THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO:

WWW.SANDIEGO.GOV/CITYCOUNCIL/CD7
HEARING OUR NEIGHBORS’ CONCERNS ACROSS EVERY CORNER OF THE DISTRICT

When I first took office, I committed to being responsive to the community, listening to residents’ concerns and acting upon them in a timely manner. With this in mind, my team and I set the ambitious goal of having a Town Hall in each of the eight neighborhoods in District 7 within our first 100 calendar days in office. With the help of my staff and of course the members of the community who attended, I am thrilled to announce that we had each of those meetings and more, with over 410 attendees. These town halls were lively, engaging, informative, and fun. On any given night, we had many members of the community show up to discuss the issues in their neighborhoods that matter to them. It is such an honor to represent a community that is so invested in local issues and passionate about shaping a better future for our City. While our First 100 Days Town Hall series has come to a close, I hope District 7 residents understand that my door is always open to them to hear their ideas and concerns. If any resident was unable to attend the Town Hall in their area, or would like to follow up on something that was discussed in a Town Hall with me or my staff, I would direct them to this meeting request form on our Council Office website to request a time to meet with me or my staff to talk about any issue of importance.

In addition to the neighborhood-specific town halls that we hosted in each community of the District, we also hosted a forum for all District 7 residents to join to discuss the gas and electric franchise agreement. This is a once-in-fifty-years decision, and it is crucial that we get it right. This is why, back when we first took office, I supported extending the current agreement with SDG&E to June 1 so that we could have more time to take public input and explore all of our options to ensure we get the best deal; this is a process we could not afford to rush. We have a responsibility to advocate for a deal that San Diegans want and deserve. I feel qualified to speak about the kind of agreement San Diegans want because I have been committed to taking as much public input as possible on the matter.

Councilmember Campillo speaking with Webelos Cub Scout Troop 22 in Tierrasanta.
On the issue of the franchise agreement, we have taken constituents’ feedback by phone, email, letter, Zoom call, and of course during our Town Hall dedicated to the issue. As with any matter, I would encourage any District 7 resident who would like to make his or her voice heard on the issue of the Gas and Electric Franchise to reach out to my office directly to let us know what you would like to see in the agreement.

THANK YOU TO EVERY ONE OF THE 400+ PARTICIPANTS WHO JOINED OUR FIRST 100 DAYS TOWN HALL SERIES!

DISTRICT-WIDE UTILITY FRANCHISE DISCUSSION, 2/11 - THANK YOU!

48 individuals joined us to discuss issues relating to climate change, municipal power, wire undergrounding, and electricity rates.

LINDA VISTA, 2/18 - THANK YOU!

53 individuals joined us and asked about homelessness, housing affordability, and transportation in Linda Vista.
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MISSION VALLEY, 2/23 - THANK YOU!
45 individuals joined us from Mission Valley and asked about homelessness, small businesses, and the River.

Del Cerro, 2/24 - THANK YOU!
115 Del Cerro residents Zoomed in to discuss traffic problems, park space, and development in their neighborhood.

San Carlos, 3/1 - THANK YOU!
31 San Carlos residents called in and asked about traffic calming, park space, and updates on the San Carlos Library.

Tierrasanta, 3/3 - THANK YOU!
40 friends from Tierrasanta joined us and asked questions about Mission Trails, rental assistance, and COVID response.
At City Council in February, I was pleased to make the motion to extend our City’s commercial and residential eviction moratoria. Now, while the pandemic is raging and our homelessness epidemic is at its most severe, it is absolutely not the time to be throwing folks out of their homes and storefronts.

Thousands of San Diegans lost their jobs due to the COVID-19 business closures through no fault of their own, losing their ability to make rent payments. We must not punish these renters and small business owners even further by subjecting them to eviction. Similarly, mom and pop landlords deserve to have their rent paid on the properties they own or manage.

I am glad that my colleagues joined me in extending our eviction moratorium and keeping it on par with the state’s emergency declaration so that no San Diegan can be evicted from their home while the pandemic is still a public health emergency in our region and state.
SUPPORTING THOSE SAN DIEGANS MOST IN NEED WITH $83 MILLION OF EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE

It is crucially important that we keep San Diegans in their homes, and that especially mom and pop landlords get their rent checks on time, as many depend on those properties to survive. With this in mind, I was honored to make the motion at the City Council meeting on February 22nd to create a new Emergency Rental Assistance Program for struggling San Diegans. This program is funded with $83 Million for rental assistance funds and millions more for outreach and communications to make San Diegans in hard-to-reach and historically underserved communities aware of the benefits available to them. If you or a loved one are in need of Emergency Rental Assistance, I would highly encourage you to apply on the San Diego Housing Commission’s website. The application went live on March 15th. For more information about the program, please see the Housing Commission’s Detailed Information Flyer in English Here or in Spanish Here. District 7 Residents who need help applying for Emergency Rental Assistance are encouraged to contact my office; a member of my staff will be happy to assist you.

FIGHTING FOR RELOCATION BENEFITS FOR 10 OF OUR UNSHELTERED NEIGHBORS WHO WERE DISPLACED FROM SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY (SROS)

Earlier this year, the ED&IR committee learned of 10 San Diegans who were living in Single-Room Occupancy (SRO) Units downtown who were being displaced from those units. Oftentimes, the availability of SRO units is the only thing keeping a person from abject homelessness, so they are a critical tool in keeping people off of the streets and in shelter. When we learned that these 10 individuals were going to have to leave their SRO units, it became clear that the result may be 10 new homeless San Diegans. In an effort to prevent this, we immediately intervened to investigate and were able to secure relocation benefits for all 10 individuals which allowed them to access support and not become homeless.

Councilmember Campillo volunteering at the Serra Mesa Food Pantry.
FIGHTING FOR RELOCATION BENEFITS FOR 10 OF OUR UNSHELTERED NEIGHBORS WHO WERE DISPLACED FROM SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY (SRO) [CONTINUED]

A crucial part of our battle against the homelessness crisis in our City is doing just this: not only securing benefits and housing for those currently living on the streets, but equally advocating for those on the brink to prevent new cases of homelessness from arising altogether. I am proud of this work we were able to do that undoubtedly made a major difference in the lives on these 10 individuals, and I am committed to continuing to advocate for real and workable solutions to keeping San Diegans in their homes and finding shelter for those who currently don’t have it.

ADVOCATING FOR TRANSIT EQUITY FOR SENIORS

Access to reliable and affordable public transit in our communities is something that I am completely dedicated to fighting for during my term in office. This is not only a climate justice issue, but it is an equity issue for underserved communities in District 7 and throughout our City. To raise this issue through the appropriate channels, I recently wrote a letter to the CEO of the Municipal Transit System (MTS). In this letter, I pointed to the need for a shuttle transport service to address the needs of the growing elderly population of Linda Vista as well as the struggling working-class community members. Due to the topography of the community with canyons, hills, and uneven roadways, it is too difficult for families without access to a vehicle to walk to a bus stop while carrying groceries and other items. MTS responded to us and detailed several initiatives currently underway aimed at improving micro-mobility in every San Diego community, and I am looking forward to working towards furthering those initiatives through MTS’s (currently under development) 2021 regional plan, “San Diego Forward,” particularly as it relates to the exciting “Flexible Fleets” first-mile/last-mile program, which I will have more information to report on soon.
TAKING ACTION AGAINST PREDATORY APP-BASED DELIVERY COMMISSION FEES THAT HARM SMALL BUSINESSES AND OUR LOCAL ECONOMY

Since the pandemic began, a growing number of San Diegans have been utilizing app-based delivery services like Postmates, DoorDash, and GrubHub to support local restaurants while dining in the safety of their own homes. Unfortunately, some of these app-based delivery giants took advantage of this fact by charging local restaurants unreasonable delivery commission fees. In response to this, I wrote a memo alongside two of my Council colleagues urging Mayor Gloria to impose a cap of 15% commission on delivery fees within the City of San Diego. Mayor Gloria subsequently issued an executive order to do just that, which represents a major win for small businesses.

FIGHTING HATE AND EXTREMISM IN SAN DIEGO

Earlier this month, I was proud to vote for the City Council’s proclamation condemning all forms of Hate and Extremism in our City. Unfortunately, we have seen a concerning spike in hate crimes – especially those directed against Asian-Americans – in the past year since the advent of COVID-19. Sadly, we here in San Diego have not been spared from this, as we have seen a number of events of anti-Asian American/Pacific Islander (AAPI) hatred and violence in our community. I was shocked and appalled to learn of the shooting of eight Asian-American women that occurred in Atlanta this month, and as disturbing as that was, it only strengthened my resolve to do more to root out extremism and bigotry from our communities. With that in mind, earlier this month, I sent a letter to District Attorney Summer Stephan asking for an update on the multiple cases of anti-AAPI hate crimes that are currently pending before her office, and asked her what we at the City level can do to ensure that these perpetrators are held accountable and prevent future instances of hate crimes from occurring in our communities.
MARCHING FOR EQUALITY AND JUSTICE WITH DISTRICT 7-BASED GROUPS

On March 13th, my staff and I were invited by Del Cerro for Black Lives Matter to take part in the “Walk for Breonna,” an event honoring Breonna Taylor’s life and demanding justice for her killing. Breonna’s life mattered, and I am proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with organizations like these who are advocating for justice and accountability and equal treatment under the law.

SUPPORTING AND PROMOTING LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES

Small Businesses are the backbone of San Diego’s culture and our economy. We know that this pandemic has been especially difficult for them, as navigating various safety guidelines and closures has cut into their bottom line significantly. While we as a Council are doing everything we can to support them, my office has been using our monthly newsletter to support and promote one select new small business in District 7 each month, through our “small business spotlight.” So far, we have highlighted two terrific D7 restaurants: Lilac Thai in Tierrasanta and Tandoor in Mission Valley. If you have a restaurant or another family-owned local small business that you would like to nominate for the Small Business Spotlight, please email Jared Miller-Sclar at JMillerSclar@SanDiego.gov.

Thank you for reading our First 100 Days update. I look forward to continuing to serve you. Please contact my office via email at RaulCampillo@SanDiego.gov or by phone at 619-236-6677.

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