

District 7 Dispatch

January/February
2020

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Supreme Court Creates New Normal for Homelessness in San Diego

Recently, the Supreme Court refused to hear a major case on homelessness, letting stand a ruling that protects homeless people's right to sleep on the sidewalk or in public parks if no other shelter is available.

While this has been the status quo in San Diego for several years, the court's decision confirms that this law will stay on the books for the foreseeable future. The City of San Diego, as well as the County and 18 other cities in the region, must provide shelter to the unhoused population if the City is to enforce quality of life ordinances such as prohibitions on sleeping on public sidewalks.

Now that the law is settled for the foreseeable future, it is vitally important that homeless outreach, safe parking, and other services be budgeted moving forward. With the recent work of the City and the Regional Task Force on Homelessness, the City is well positioned to create a responsive system that will ensure there is always a bed for those who find themselves on the streets. This system is designed to flow people through to permanent housing, and make sure time without shelter is brief.

San Diegans have to understand that this is the new normal. Sufficient funding must be included in the budget annually to ensure San Diego doesn't become San Francisco or Seattle, where rampant open drug abuse and the use of public streets as bathrooms is a casual fact of life.

Last year, the City Council passed a resolution to provide at least 140 new housing units for homeless and disabled residents by 2021. Unfortunately, despite all the talk, according to a recent news article, only three out of nine Council Districts are meeting their obligations; Districts 3, 7, and 8. District 6 is on track to meet its goals by 2021.

The time for sidestepping and punting on this issue is over. Every jurisdiction in San Diego must contribute to funding and operating a regional system that can move people off the streets and into housing so that we can enforce our quality of life and reclaim our public spaces.

In Service,

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a directory of
City services:

<https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd7/faq>

Mission Valley Planning Group General Election in March



On Wednesday, March 4, 2020, the Mission Valley Planning Group (MVPG) will hold a General Election of Members to serve on its Board. The General Meeting and Election will be at **Noon**, in the Community Room, Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway, San Diego.

The MVPG Board represents the General Members of the Mission Valley Planning Group and is an all-volunteer group. Its primary purpose is to advise the City Council, Planning Commission, and other governmental agencies as may be appropriate in the initial preparation, adoption of, implementation of, or amendment to the general or community plan as it pertains to the area or areas of influence of Mission Valley.

Each term is four (4) years and three (3) positions will be filled in the General Election in each of the following classifications:

- **Class I:** Property owner, who is an individual identified as the sole or partial owner of record, or their designee, of a real property (either developed or undeveloped) within the community planning area. *Term expires March 2024*
- **Class II:** Person (including residents or persons representing business entities) paying property taxes on any parcel of real property in the community planning area. *Term expires March 2024*
- **Class III:** Resident, whose primary address is an address in the community planning area (either an owner or renter). *Term expires March 2024*
- **Class IV:** Local business person (including persons representing business entities), who is a local business owner, operator or designee, with a business address in the community at which employees or operators of the business are located. *Term expires March 2024*

For further information, please contact Michele Addington at micheleaddington@gmail.com

Events Attended by Councilman Sherman

11/14: Gage Elementary Joint-Use Park Ribbon Cutting

11/21: Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force meeting

11/25: Spoke at Tierrasanta Library reopening ceremony

12/12: Spoke at MTS Board Meeting regarding a Grantville development

12/23: Attended Hanukkah Menorah lighting ceremony at City Hall

1/9: San Diego River Conservancy Meeting

1/15: Tierrasanta Kiwanis Club meeting

1/15: Chaired the Audit Committee meeting at City Hall

1/23: Land Use & Housing Committee Meeting

San Diego Blood Bank Facing Critical Blood Shortage



The San Diego Blood Bank is currently experiencing a critical shortage of O positive and O negative blood. However, all blood types are needed and walk-ins are welcome.

Blood is a necessary medical treatment for individuals like Kamila with blood-related diseases. As part of her treatment for Thalassemia, Kamila receives blood transfusions every three to four weeks.

Thanks to blood donors, Kamila is able to enjoy her childhood.

Consider scheduling an appointment at a donor center or mobile drive near you today. Please call 619-400-8251 or visit SanDiegoBloodBank.org/donate.

So-Called “Compromise” Will Increase Cost of Housing

Recently, a Council majority approved an inclusionary housing amendment that will increase the cost of housing on struggling San Diego families. In the recent past, the City Council took steps forward by approving several measures that streamlined the housing permitting process. Unfortunately, this so-called compromise takes two steps back in the City’s fight against the housing crisis.

“A bad policy with small improvements is still bad policy,” said Councilmember Sherman.

While rent continues to increase, housing production in San Diego has been on a sharp decline since 2016. In fact, in 2017, production decreased by 2,300 units. In 2018, the City produced only half of what was constructed in 2016. Now is not the time to add burdensome mandates that further reduce new unit construction.

The measure passed will only add a miniscule number of affordable housing units that will do nothing to ease the multi-year waiting list. The only answer to solve the housing crisis is for supply to catch up with demand.

A better solution? Look to Grantville. A few years ago, the City approved the Grantville Focused Plan, which will eventually add as many as 8,275 housing units in the area. Instead of setting up costly roadblocks and regulations, the City streamlined the approval process for housing construction. As a result, 30% of new units in Grantville are considered affordable, without any mandates or fee increases.

Constituent Issues Resolved in District 7

My top priority at City Hall is to help improve the lives of those I represent and the communities they live in. Below are just a few of the issues that my staff helped resolve in the month of January:

- Repaved or slurry sealed, Marathon Dr., Wagner Ave., Dorchester Dr., and other streets in Serra Mesa
- Installed new flood gates in Mission Valley
- Repaved or slurry sealed Calle De Vida, Terraza Ct., Seda Dr., Via Corazon, and other streets in Tierrasanta
- Cleaned trash and shopping carts from former homeless encampment in Linda Vista

Do you have an issue or problem in your community? Please contact my office at 619-236-6677 or email at ScottSherman@SanDiego.Gov. We are here to help!

Navajo Community Planners Holding Board Election in March

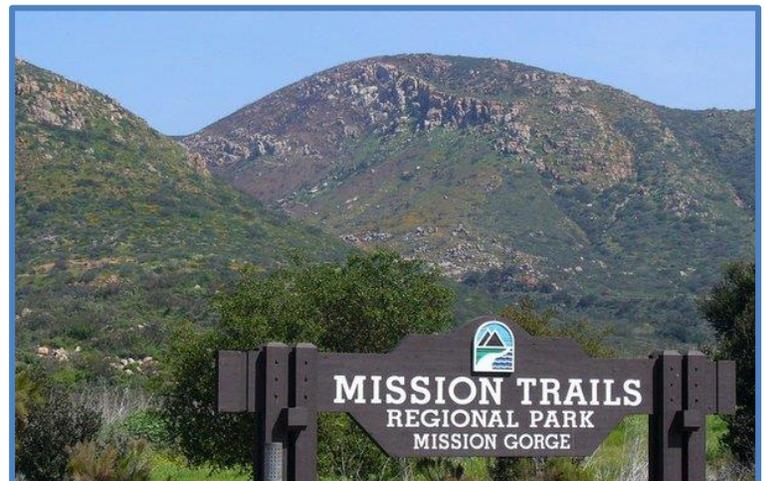
The Navajo Community Planners, INC (NCPI), the duly authorized planning group that reviews and provides recommendations on land use issues to the San Diego City Council will be holding its annual election on Wednesday March 11, at 6:30 pm.

Navajo Planners represents the communities of Allied Gardens, Del Cerro, Grantville, and San Carlos.

Applications are being accepted for those interested in running for a seat. In order to be an eligible candidate, a member of the community must have documented attendance at one meeting of the NCPI's last 12 meetings prior to the February regular meeting preceding the election. The application deadline is February 12.

All residents, business owners, and property owners in the communities listed above are eligible to vote in the election of the board of directors. Those interested in voting are required to show proof of residency, or business or property ownership in the four communities listed above.

The election will be held at Tifereth Israel Synagogue at 6660 Cowles Mountain Blvd. 92119. For further information, please email NavajoPlanners@cox.net.



Casework Corner

One of my top priorities is improving customer service at City Hall. I believe our government should be using these five simple words more:

"How may I help you?"

Neighborhood Issues Successfully Resolved in January:

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Upcoming District 7 Events

Linda Vista Farmers Market – Every Thursday in February 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Stop by the Linda Vista Farmers market every Thursday this month to buy delicious, organic, and local fruits and vegetables to feed your family. The Farmers Market is located at the Linda Vista Plaza Shopping Center at 6939 Linda Vista Rd, San Diego, CA 92111.

San Carlos Library Monthly Used Book Sale – February 1, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Come choose from the San Carlos Library's large array of books in every genre. All proceeds go to support the library. The San Carlos Library is located at 7265 Jackson Dr. San Diego, CA 92119. For more information, please email booksales@sancarlosfriendsofthelibrary.org

Tierrasanta Community Council Meeting – February 19, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, San Diego, CA 92124. Held in the Recreation Center building in the far west end of the parking lot, west of the basketball courts.

See what's going on in your community! Want to participate? Several committees need your input to keep Tierrasanta one of San Diego's greatest communities! Click [here](#) for more information.

Linda Vista Town Council Meeting – February 20, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

The Linda Vista Town Council's primary objective is to improve the quality of life in the community. Meetings are held at the Bahai Faith Center at 6545 Alcala Knolls, 92111. For more information, please click [here](#).

Friends of Ruffin Canyon Meeting in Serra Mesa – February 26, 5:30 pm to 7:30pm

Ruffin Canyon is Serra Mesa's natural open space with more than 84 acres. The canyon extends from the south end of Ruffin Road to Mission Valley, and the unique habitat is in need of care. The goal of the organization is to foster community participation in the protection of Ruffin Canyon. The event will be held at the Serra Mesa/Kearney Mesa Library at 9005 Aero Drive, San Diego, CA 92123.

2020 San Diego County Healthier Living Workshops Scheduled Throughout the Year

Healthier Living workshops organized by the San Diego County Government are peer-led workshops that train participants in skills to relieve pain, reduce fatigue, calm anxiety, relieve shortness of breath, soothe muscle tension, and improve sleep, to name a few! Workshops are held once a week for six weeks for 2.5 hours. Participants cannot join the class after the second session. For more information, please click [here](#).