VIVAN MORENO SAN DIEGO CITY COUNCIL

DISTRICT 8 NEWSLETTER

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GETTING IT DONE

My office recently received a request from a San Ysidro resident for tree trimming to clear obstruction of a stop sign on Cypress Drive and West Hall Avenue. Thank you to City crews for clearing up this hazard promptly.



BEFORE



As a result of a resident who contacted our office, City of San Diego staff removed a phone booth that was no longer functioning and an eyesore for those that utilize San Ysidro Boulevard.

DID YOU KNOW?

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The official City of San Diego smartphone application, Get it Done allows for residents to seamlessly report neighborhood issues and code violations on the go. Download it today, or access it online at www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done



AFTER

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My staff talked to residents in San Ysidro and provided assistance for any City related issues. The District 8 team will be canvassing neighborhoods throughout the district each week, rain or shine, morning and afternoon.



I held community hours in San Ysidro and had the pleasure of meeting with many residents and community members.







My next community hours will be hosted in late March. There will also be evening hours scheduled in the near future. Please call my office to schedule a meeting time at 619-236-6688.

To report any City-related issues, please call my office at (619) 236-6688 or email VivianMoreno@SanDiego.gov

GETTING IT DONE





Last month, my office asked for jacket donations for children in local migrant shelters. We have been overwhelmed with the amount we received. Thank you to everyone that donated jackets and many other articles of clothing! Your generosity has provided many kids with much needed warm clothing. Special thanks to the schools and libraries that hosted drop-off locations.



Together with SDPD Officer Kevin Vasquez, my staff helped organize a community cleanup in Barrio Logan. Thank you to a group of hard-working volunteers for coming out to pick up trash, despite the bad weather forecast.

We have another cleanup scheduled April 13 in the northern part of District 8. More details will be included in next months newsletter.





Suggested attire: Clothing that can get dirty + closed-toe shoes. Carne asada will be provided for volunteers after the event

Drop off unwanted items for disposal: 125 Cypress Dr. San Ysidro, CA 92173. *Electrical items and tires will also be accepted*.

> For more information, please contact: Councilmember Vivian Moreno 619-236-6688 VivianMoreno@SanDiego.gov

TIJUANA RIVER

Last month I requested the City of San Diego take action and join the lawsuit against the federal government, alongside the State of California, City of Chula Vista, City of Imperial Beach and Port of San Diego.



	COUNCILMEMBER VIVIAN MORENO City of San Diego Eighth District MEMORANDUM
DATE:	December 13, 2018
TO:	Honorable Mayor Kevin Faulconer Honorable Council President Georgette Gomez Honorable City Attorney Mara Elliott
FROM:	Councilmember Vivian Moreno
SUBJECT.	Joining Lawrolt Pagarding Timona Pivar Vallay Sawaga

Since December 10th a large amount of sewage has been spilling into the Tijuana River Valley and Estuary and eventually the Pacific Ocean. This new sewage spill is in addition to many previous spills that have resulted in raw sewage flows coming from Mexico. As the Tijuana Estuary is the only coastal estuary in Southern California, it is critical that we do all we can to preserve and protect it from being polluted. Earlier this year, the state, the Port of San Diego, and the cities of Chula Vista and Imperial Beach initiated a lawsuit against the federal government to improve the infrastructure that would divert the flow of sewage to the International Wastewater Treatment Plant. The previous conditions, intensified by the new spill, have resulted in an environment that has threatened the health and safety of city residents living in neighborhoods near the Tijuana River. In addition to the actual presence of the sewage tainted pollution in the ocean, river and estuary that is so physically close to many residents, there is also an ever present strong odor of sewage that is affecting residential neighborhoods and commercial areas. Thus far the City of San Diego has not joined the current litigation, however, given the most recent spill, I believe it is time we take action to address this situation, which continues to worsen. As such, I am formally requesting that the city consider joining the lawsuit and that the City Attorney bring this option forward to the City Council in closed session for a full discussion. For your convenience, I have attached a copy of the aforementioned lawsuit.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

CC: Kris Michell, Chief Operating Officer Andrea Tevlin, Independent Budget Analyst



CONTAMINATION LAWSUIT

The Tijuana River Estuary is one of the last, intact, saltwater estuaries in California and is home to numerous species at-risk of extinction. The discharge of sewage into Tijuana River Valley and estuary continues to be a threat to the their natural habitat, in addition to the health and safety of our residents.

There is a clear physical and economic impact to the City from these ongoing spills. The pollution empties into the Pacific Ocean in Imperial Beach, which is the main coastal access for residents of District 8.





This was one of the first things I brought forward to the City Council, and I want to thank Mayor Faulconer for partnering with me to address this critical issue.

On January 29, the San Diego City Council voted unanimously in favor of joining the State Attorney General's lawsuit against the U.S. International Boundary and Water Commission over the contamination occurring in the Tijuana River Valley.

COUNCIL



With the passage of Measure O in November, the Otay Mesa Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District was created. I am honored to Chair this board, as this will help fund public infrastructure improvements for the Otay Mesa Community Plan area. Going forward, we will be discussing more priorities and hear input from residents on which projects they want for Otay Mesa.

As a Board Member on the Metropolitan Transit System, I will work for an expanded public transportation system in our communities. New routes, and schedule adjustments began Sunday, January 27. This includes the new South Bay Rapid route, which will run all day service between the new Otay Mesa Transit Center and downtown San Diego. Detailed updates will be included in next months newsletter.

New changes can be found at www.sdmts.com/ schedules-real-time/service-notes





Signed my first Budget Priority Memo for FY2020. We look forward to hearing public input and budget priorities from our residents in the coming months

COMMITTEE



I chaired my first meeting of the City of San Diego's Land Use and Housing Committee. We heard public input on how to reform our housing policy and make housing more affordable for San Diegans. We took note of all ideas and will discuss the Committee's 2019 priorities and work plan at the February 6th Committee meeting.

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Next month's meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2019



MEET THE STAFF



Gerardo Ramirez Council Representative GRamirezBorj@SanDiego.gov

Gerardo grew up in San Ysidro. He attended local public schools SYMS and SYHS, before graduating from SDSU in 2016 with a degree in Sociology. Gerardo is passionate about the environment, and ensuring our communities have a strong voice and are well represented.

Gerardo's Communities:

- Otay Mesa East & West
- Otay Valley Regional Park
- Egger Highlands
- Nestor
- Ocean View Hills



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WHO SHOULD YOU CALL?

