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GETTING IT DONE

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BEFORE







Following reports to our office, City of San Diego crews responded promptly to replace a damaged fire hydrant at the intersection of 24th Street & Market Street in Sherman Heights and remove graffiti under the SR-905 freeway in San Ysidro.

Thank you to City of San Diego's Streets Division for filling a trench in front of the San Ysidro Community Activity Center.





DID YOU KNOW?

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



It was a pleasure to visit the Reach Out and Read San Diego program at San Ysidro Health's Maternal and Child Health Center Clinic. This program is an evidence based program focusing on developing critical reading skills in children, with the help of parents and providers. Children between 6 months and five years old are given free books at every routine medical visit.

Thank you to San Ysidro Health for providing this valuable program!



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

My office hosted nine community cleanups this year, including this one in the Stockton neighborhood in December. My staff and I look forward to many more in 2020.

I visited the Feeding San Diego's Food Pantry at Willow Elementary School in November. A huge thanks to this organization for distributing healthy, nutritious meals to more than 63,000 children, individuals, seniors and military members across San Diego. Your innovative way of rescuing nutritious food directly results in providing more healthy food to those in need and reduces pollution and waste.

CITY HALL

UPDATES TO COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP REGULATIONS



At the Land Use & Housing (LU&H) Committee in December, the committee recommended several changes to the City's Community Planning Group regulations. These changes include increased education requirements for planning group members, improved production of meeting minutes and additional public outreach during planning group elections, which are all critical to ensure the members of our communities have a voice. Implementing these updates will help improve the effectiveness and transparency of how our community planning groups operate.

TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY UPDATE



Thank you to the members of the Task Force for examining each recommendation and to the Community Planners Committee for your input and recommendations. These updates will now move forward to the City Council for consideration in 2020.

The entire report and recommendations can be found at: https://onbase.sandiego.gov/OnBaseAgendaOn-line/Meetings/ViewMeeting?id=1713&doctype=1



INCLUSIONARY HOUSING POLICY

I was pleased to support the revisions to the City's inclusionary housing policy, which outlines a requirement for developers to reserve 10% of rental and for-sale residential units in a development for houshold earnings at or below 60% of Area Median Income (AMI). The AMI for the City of San Diego in 2019 was at \$86,300.

I believe requiring affordable units be produced at 60% AMI will allow for construction of more affordable units- which will provide additional housing opportunities across the City.

For more information on Committee agenda and actions, go to www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/councilcomm



One of my first actions as the Councilmember for District 8 was to push the City to join the lawsuit against the federal government over the lack of action in solving the environmental diaster in the Tijuana River Valley. Last month, the City, along with other local agencies, issued a resolution in support of a list of infrastructure improvements that has been sent to the federal government.

This resolution placed a 90-day stay on the lawsuit while the International Boundary and Water Commission reviews the list of projects and decides on their next step. I am pleased to see the increased momentum in solving this crisis.



HOLIDAYS IN





Thank you to California American Water for generously donating turkeys for our Operation Gobble event again this holiday season.

The turkeys and food accessories were distributed to many families at Nicoloff Elementary School before Thanksgiving. Thank you also to the San Diego Padres Friar and Pad Squad, The Otay Mesa-Nestor Library, the San Diego Food Bank for your donations, and to all the volunteers for helping distribute the food at this wonderful event.



The San Ysidro community came together for Casa Familiars Dia De Los Muertos celebration at the San Ysidro Civic Center on November 15. It was a wonderful event that included altars along with food vendors and and a handmade crafts shop.



The Montgomery-Waller Recreation Center hosted their annual Snow Day on December 7. The event included snow for sledding, arts and crafts vendors as well as a Santa arriving by helicopter. Thank you to Center Director, CJ Saldana and all your staff for putting on such a wonderful event for our young ones.

It was such a joy to see so many happy kids receiving brand new toys at the Border View YMCA's Toys for Tots event in December. Thank you to everyone that donated toys and to the staff at Border View YMCA for hosting this great event for our children.



Thank you to the San Ysidro Women's Club for hosting their annual Teddy Bear for Kids Event at the San Ysidro Middle School. They distributed over 700 teddy bears to children donated by the community and held a raffle with great prizes.

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In December, I helped distribute free turkey dinners with accessories to families in San Ysidro at Fire Station 29. Thank you to Bomberos de San Diego for hosting this wonderful event. I am grateful to this non-profit for all their community help throughout the City.



POND 20 UPDATE

Pond 20 is a 95-acre parcel of land in the Egger Highlands, located between Palm Avenue and the San Diego National Wildlife Refuge in South San Diego Bay.

The Port of San Diego has proposed a long term plan that includes an 83-acre wetlands mitigation bank, a 7.9 acre parcel on the eastern edge designated for low-intensity commercial development and a 3.1-acre parcel on the western edge designed to complement the new Bikeway Village.





There will be a future opportunity for public input on this project. Once a public comment period is scheduled, my office will be issuing a notice. For more information, please visit www.portofsandiego.org/projects/pond20



On November 21, Casa Familiar provided a free Thanksgiving dinner for over 1,400 residents in San Ysidro. I was happy to attend and help serve meals to our lovely residents. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this event a success. My office is proud to support this organization with a \$7,500 donation for them to continue their wonderful programs in our communities.



CASA FAMILIAR



Casa Familiar is based in San Ysidro and offers a wide array of support services to residents. Services include translation, housing search, physical activity classes, computer workshops and more. Casa Familiar has also been instrumental in advocating for community improvement projects, such as the Otay Mesa Road improvement which was completed earlier this year.



The donated funds will be used to host additional community events and support programs that are open to the public, such as the San Ysidro Fall Festival, youth and adult education classes and workshops.

Their entire list of programs can be accessed at: www.casafamiliar.org

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- Media Communication			
- Boards & Commissions			
- Port of San Diego			

6	Date	Event	Time & Location
an	6	Dia de Reyes - San Ysidro	12PM - 212 West Park Ave.
A	8	Otay Mesa-Nestor Planning Group	6:30PM - 3003 Coronado Ave.
	9	Smart Border Coalition	9AM - 2508 H. Decatur Road
	10	First Friday Breakfast	7:30AM - 88 L St.
N/	11	MTS - Elevate SD 2020 Board Workshop	9AM - 1255 Imperial Ave.
-9	23	La Bodega Fundraiser	5PM - 2292 National Ave.
	24	Tour of Boys and Girls Club of Greater SD	10AM - 2930 Marcy Ave.
	24	SANDAG Borders Committee	12:30PM - 401 B St.
	30	Otay Valley Regional Park Committee	2PM - TBD
Feb	6	Tour of SDCE - Cesar Chavez Campus	2PM - 1901 Main St.
E	8	Pastor Bradford Honorary Street Renaming	11AM - S. 39th St.
	13	MTS Board Meeting	9AM - 1255 Imperial Ave.
	28	SANDAG Borders Committee	12:30PM - 401 B St.



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WHO SHOULD YOU CALL?

