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SAN DIEGO CITY COUNCIL

COMMUNITY FARMING IN DISTRICT 8

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GETTING IT DONE



Following reports to our office, City of San Diego crews responded promptly to remove graffiti on a sign located on a school crossing sign in San Ysidro, and at a location near Willow Street Bridge.

Thank you to City of San Diego crews for cleaning up graffiti on the corner of South 32nd St and Ocean View Blvd in Stockton. Please contact my office at (619) 236-6688 or VivianMoreno@SanDiego.gov for any assistance.



DID YOU KNOW?

The official City of San Diego smartphone application, *Get it Done*, allows 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.

IN THE COMMUNITY



My staff and I participated in the 2020 San Diego Women's March in January. I had a great time seeing so many people partake in this important event.

We celebrated a milestone in affordable housing in January. Benson Place, formerly EZ-8 Motel in the Otay Mesa-Nestor community, will provide 82 permanent supportive housing units for individuals experiencing chronic homelessness and individuals with disabilities who experience homelessness.

I commend Father Joe's Villages, the San Diego Housing Commission, and Chelsea Investment Corporation for their continued advocacy which made this project possible. We welcome this much needed project to District 8!



I recently had the pleasure of meeting with Naval Base San Diego Commanding Officer Captain Mark Nieswiadomy and his staff. We look forward to a continued partnership and collaboration on District 8 issues including critical infrastructure issues such as Harbor Drive improvements.

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CITY HALL

BUDGET PRIORITY MEMO



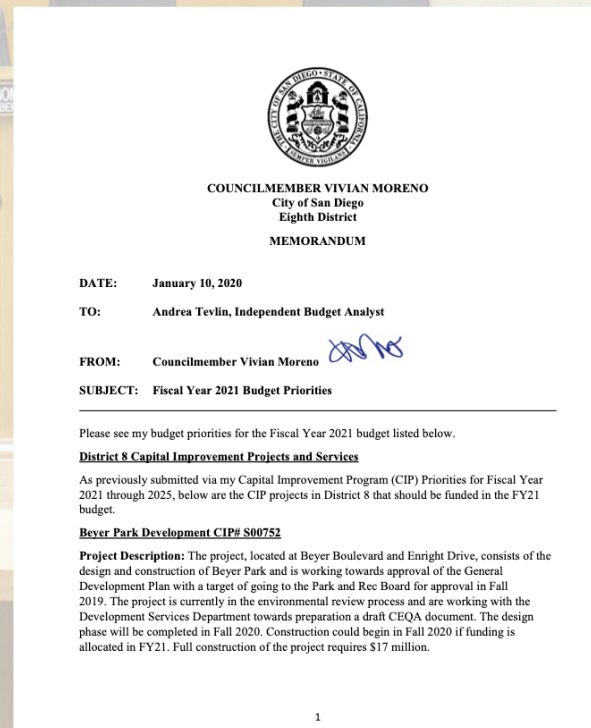
On January 10, 2020, I issued a memo detailing my Budget Priorities for the Fiscal Year 2021 City Budget. This is the first step in the development of the Mayor's Budget Proposal that will be released in April.

My priorities include:

- 15 new District 8 infrastructure projects, such as parks and facility upgrades.
- Road improvements, including the expansion of La Media Road in Otay Mesa.
- Enhanced City services such as library programming and recreation center activities.
- Increased public safety and code enforcement staffing.
- Ensuring the City stays on track to meet its goals laid out in the Climate Action Plan.
- Repurposing of the old San Ysidro Library facility into a teen center.

My full FY21 budget priority memo can be read at:

<https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/cd8memo200110.pdf>



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

UPDATES

FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING



On January 14, 2020, the City Council began the process of including a housing bond measure for the 2020 November ballot. The measure is not finalized and further discussion will occur, but the intent is to secure significant funding through a general obligation bond, that will go directly towards affordable and permanent housing in the City of San Diego.

It is important that we have local funding sources available for affordable housing projects, because it allows projects in the City to be more competitive to receive State and Federal funding. I look forward to seeing the full and final measure before the City Council later this year.

DECLARING A CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Last week, as a member of the City Council's Environment Committee, I voted in favor of declaring a climate emergency in the City of San Diego.

Sending a strong and consistent message to the public that the City is 100% committed to fighting climate change through implementing our Climate Action Plan is very important. It is our responsibility to do all we can to reverse course on the atmospheric warming which will intensify drought, wildfires, and sea level rise. I wholeheartedly supported this resolution and look forward to it coming before the Council.



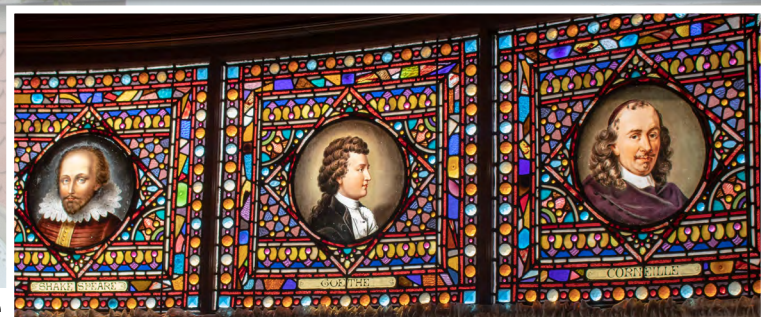
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The Villa Montezuma is a Victorian Queen Anne mansion built in 1887 by the famous pianist, Spiritualist, and writer Jesse Shepard (also known by his pen name, "Francis Grierson"). Located in the Sherman Heights Historic District at the corner of 20th and K Streets, the Villa is known for its magnificent Victorian architecture with its romantic colors, unique turrets, rooftop gargoyles, and fish-scale shingles. This iconic home has been part of the San Diego community for over a century, and it has a rich and interesting history.

Mr. Shepard was born in England but raised in Illinois. The High Brothers, prominent San Diego businessmen and Spiritualists, convinced the famous world-traveling musician Mr. Shepard to relocate to San Diego by sponsoring not just a home but a "Palace of the Arts" that he would design with the best architects of the day.

Mr. Shepard was an interesting character: a virtuoso musician and later a prolific writer, he believed that the spirits of classical composers could communicate to him when he sat at the piano which he would channel for his close friends.



HISTORIC VILLA MONTEZUMA



In 1969, members of the San Diego Historical Society purchased the Villa Montezuma with the intent of turning it into a museum. The purchase price: \$25,000! The Historical Society recruited Councilmember Leon Williams, who agreed that our district needed this extraordinary site as a museum.

The City bought the Villa Montezuma and the San Diego Historical Society undertook a complete restoration. In 1970, the Villa became a City of San Diego Historical Site, in 1971 it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and in 1972 the Villa Montezuma Museum opened to the public.



For 34 years the Friends of the Villa Montezuma provided tours and educational programs in art, music, and literature at the museum. One challenge came in 1986 when a fire burned through the second floor, prompting emergency renovations to prepare the Villa for its 100th anniversary in 1987. In 2006, during the "Great Recession," the Historical Society closed the museum. The Friends of the Villa Montezuma (FOVM) became their own nonprofit organization and successfully worked with the City for grant opportunities to make essential repairs.

In 2015, the City-owned Villa Montezuma Museum was again available to the public, with tours given by the FOVM four times a year. However, renovations for this treasured palace are still necessary.

In December, Mayor Kevin Faulconer and I received a tour guided by FOVM Chair, Louise Torio. Together we will work towards securing additional funding for the needed repairs.

Free interior tours are available for 2020. Please visit www.villamontezumamuseum.org for more information.



TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY GARDEN

Late last year, I toured the Tijuana River Valley Community Garden and the adjacent Wild Willow Farm and Education Center. This is the largest community garden in San Diego County and is managed by the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County.

The garden features 210 garden plots, seven quarter-acre plots for education and demonstration, a native pollinator hedge-row, and a diversity of wildlife. It is open to the public from dusk to dawn and surrounded by a multiple walking trails.



The adjacent Wild Willow Farm and Education Center provides opportunities for students of all ages to learn about farming in a way that respects people, wildlife, and the planet. Students are invited to participate through their field trip program, while workshops and courses are available for anyone who wants to learn practices that grow soil, food, and community.

The garden and education center is located at the corner of Hollister Street and Sunset Avenue in the southernmost portion of San Diego. More information can be found here: <https://rcdsandiego.org/programs/community-garden/>



SHERMAN HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER



In October 2019, the SHCC hosted a wonderful Noche De Mole event featuring musical performances, delicious food and many beautifully decorated altars. I am proud to support this organization with a \$25,000 donation for them to continue their wonderful programs in our communities. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers at the SHCC for the work you do for our residents.



The Sherman Heights Community Center (SHCC) is located on Island Avenue and is a cornerstone of the Sherman Heights neighborhood. The community center hosts multiple events, activities and workshops for all age groups and focuses on fostering community through education, cultural enrichment, health promotion and personal development.



The donated funds will be used to host additional community events and support programs that are open to the public, such as the Noche De Mole event, youth and adult education classes and workshops.

More information can be accessed at: <https://www.facebook.com/Shermanheightscc/>

MEET COUNCILMEMBER MORENO'S INTERNS



Lupita Sanchez
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Guadalupe (Lupita) Sanchez was raised in South San Diego and graduated Summa Cum Laude from San Diego State University in December with a B.A in Political Science. She is currently pursuing a professional career in the arts and works as a dance performer in staged productions while hosting weekly dance classes. Lupita lives in Otay Mesa and is enjoying her involvement with the District 8 communities.

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Lupita's Responsibilities:
- Assist with casework
- Help organize events

COUNCILMEMBER MORENO IN THE COMMUNITY

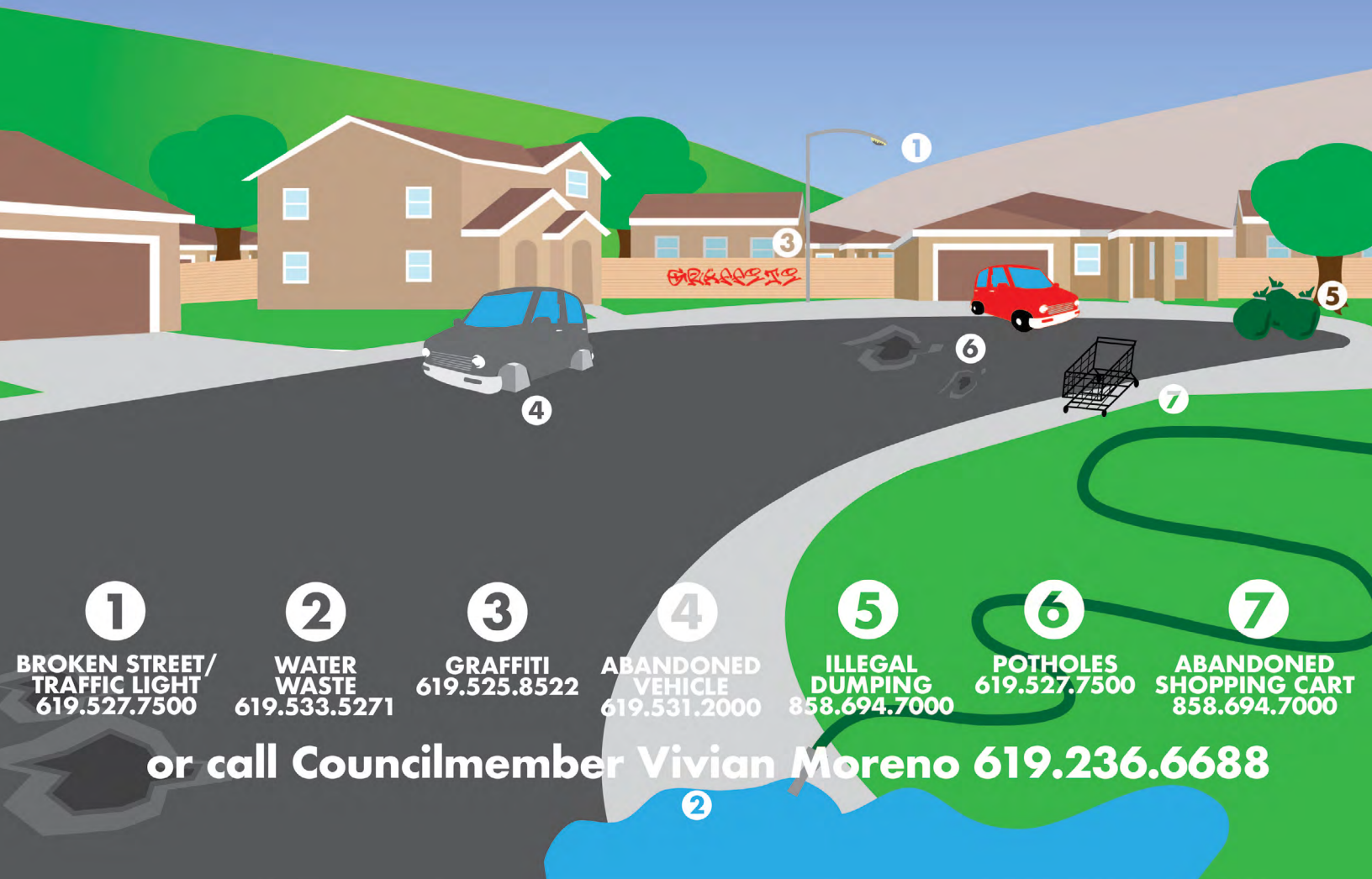
	Date	Event	Time & Location
Feb	5	Logan Heights CDC Census Workshop	5PM - 3040 Imperial Ave.
	6	Hawkins School Grand Opening	10AM - 1275 30th St.
	7	Mexican Folklore Presentation by SD Puppetry	3PM - 3003 Coronado Ave.
	8	Villa Bowl Flag Football Tournament	9AM - 455 Sycamore Rd.
	8	Pastor Bradford Honorary Street-Renaming	11AM - 1728 S. 39th St.
	13	MTS Board Meeting	9AM - 1255 Imperial Ave.
	20	Tour of Boys and Girls Club of Greater SD	3PM - 2930 Marcy Ave.
	22	Sand Sandals Grand Opening	12PM - 2229 Logan Ave.
Mar	27	Paseo La Paz Grand Opening	11AM - 160 W. Seaward Ave.
	28	SANDAG Borders Committee	12:30PM - 401 B St.
	6	I Love A Clean San Ysidro Cleanup	9AM - TBD
	19	Women Elevate San Diego Event	5PM - 330 Park Blvd.
	20	Brown Field Airport Tour	10AM - 1424 Continental St.
	21	South Bay Community Cleanup	9AM - TBD

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2

**WATER
WASTE**
619.533.5271

3

GRAFFITI
619.525.8522

4

**ABANDONED
VEHICLE**
619.531.2000

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**ILLEGAL
DUMPING**
858.694.7000

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POTHoles
619.527.7500

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**ABANDONED
SHOPPING CART**
858.694.7000

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