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GETTING IT DONE

IN THE COMMUNITY



During my Coral Gate Town Hall in San Ysidro last year, several residents reported overgrown vegetation near Anella Road. I am happy to report that City crews have nearly completed the tree and weed maintenance of this area and it is a remarkable improvement. Thank you to the Coral Gate Neighborhood Watch for their advocacy!

Please contact my office at (619) 236-6688 or VivianMoreno@SanDiego.gov to report any City-related issues.

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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.



l attended the Living Rooms at the Border grand opening on February 18, hosted by Casa Familiar.

This affordable housing project has been a long time coming, and includes 10 affordable housing units, expanded space for Casa Familiar's community services and a multi-media theater inside the fully restored Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, originally built in 1927.



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On Saturday, February 22, I attended the grand opening of Sand Sandals in Barrio Logan. The owner, Sandy Barajas, is a longtime friend and fellow member of MANA de San Diego. I am proud to support Latina-owned businesses in District 8.

Sand Sandals is located at 2229 Logan Avenue in Barrio Logan and offers beautiful handcrafted shoes from Mexico, catering to both men and women. Best wishes to Sandy for continued success!



My office hosted a fundraiser in support of the relocation of La Bodega Art Gallery. I am pleased to announce that over \$41,000 has been raised to date and want to thank all of our sponsors who helped make this event a success!

Thank you to the Port of San Diego, Port of San Diego Ship Repair Association, Regency Centers, NASSCO, BAE Systems San Diego Ship Repair, Falck California, Southwest Strategies, Mitchell Investments, Salud Tacos, Barrio Dogg, Caliano by Spinelli, Border X Brewing, Thorn Brewing, Cafe Moto and Boochcraft for their support.

CITY HALL

5-YEAR BUDGET OUTLOOK





In February, the City's Independent Budget Analyst (IBA) presented the Five-Year Capital Infrastructure Planning (CIP) Outlook to the City Council, detailing the City's financial needs and revenue estimations for capital projects for the next five years.

was pleased to see several pertinent issues be addressed, such as the City's vacancy rate for positions that are critical to getting community projects, such as parks and libraries built.



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Part of the report included a discussion on lowering the goal for the number of streetlights the City aims to install each year. For the past 10 years, San Diego has been able to install 750 new streetlights per year, however, the report suggests lowering that goal to 490 per year.

I do not agree with that change as there is a huge backlog of streetlights that are needed in our neighborhoods and it is one of the top issues constituents call my office about. I look forward to discussing this issue further and potentially utilizing a portion of the Gas Tax revenue the City receives to reduce the backlog.



In 2016, the City of San Diego adopted the Play All Day Parks Program, an initiative aimed at building 45 new joint-use turffield parks in partnership with San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) to maximize the shared use of public facilities in our communities.

In total, the City has approved 11 Joint-Use Agreements, 9 of them are in communities north of Interstate-8. I have expressed great concern over the lack of these agreements occurring in the southern areas of the City. Since then, the Parks and Recreation Department have identified several potential sites for joint use opportunities with the school districts in the South Bay. I look forward to the City and the school districts working together towards building more park facilities in District 8.

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

UPDATES

CLIMATE EQUITY INDEX

As part of the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP), the City has completed a citywide climate equity assessment which resulted in the development of the Climate Equity Index (CEI). This index assessed the access to opportunity throughout the City based on the availability of public transit, quality of sidewalks and streetlights and percentage of income spent on housing.

This assessment identified 13 'low opportunity' areas, with 7 of them being in District 8. I am glad we now have a document that shows how underserved the communities of concern are and I am very supportive of the recommendations which include pursuing more grants and developing a plan to allocate more funding to improvements in these areas. I also urge the City to spend Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money in addition to general fund dollars to provide more equity in these communities.

JOINT USE AGREEMENTS - PARKS PROGRAM



SOUTH BAY



It was a pleasure to tour the South Bay Youth Center (SBYC) along with my staff in February. I am proud to support this organization with \$10,000 in city funding to allow them to continue their critical services to our South Bay youth.

Established in 2019 to meet the increased demand for programs for LGBTQ+ youth and families in the South Bay, the SBYC offers drop-in gender identity groups, arts programs, social activities, tutoring and discussion groups.

Beginning in the early 1970s as a 24-hour hotline for people seeking military or LGBT counseling, the founders worked to help LGBT individuals when there was no one else to turn to.

Knowing that the LGBT community needed more than just phone counselling, the group worked to open a location that would be able to tend to the community's education, health and social needs.





Establishing itself as the San Diego LGBT Center, this organization has grown to offer services in four different locations, has over 55 staff members and 1,200 volunteers and proudly provides more than 82,000 service visits per year.

In 2019, the Center expanded its services with the opening of the South Bay Youth Center. The SBYC is a drop-in and recreational center for LGBTQ and non-binary youth, and youth living with HIV and their families and allies.

The South Bay Youth Center is open 3 days a week servicing ages 10-24 on alternating days. Programs run on Wednesdays for ages 18-24, Thursdays for ages 14-18, and Fridays ages 10-13. These age programs work to create a space in which young people can study, socialize, and connect with mentors.

A support group for families of LGBTQ youth, known as Mi Familia, is also hosted on Monday and Tuesday evenings where family members can share stories and concerns to understand and support their LGBT loved ones.



Thank you to the SBYC staff for all the important work and services you provide for our youth.

For more information about SBYC or the Center and its other services, please visit https://thecentersd.org

YOUTH CENTER



By providing physical exercise opportunities and other amenities, the SBYC helps create a safe and inclusive space for developing youth and transitioning adults.



BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF GREATER SAN DIEGO

UPCOMING COMMUNITY CLEANUPS

The Boys and Girls Club of Greater San Diego, William J. Oakes Branch in Logan Heights is the oldest Boys and Girls club in Southern California and is open to children ages 5 to 18. I was delighted to receive a tour by Mr. Daniel Sherlock, CEO and Mr. Ricardo Sandoval, Branch Manager and to see all the wonderful amenities they provide for the kids.

The club is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 2PM-6PM and Wednesday 12PM-6PM. They are located at 2930 Marcy Avenue, San Diego, CA 92113.





The William J. Oakes Branch offers multiple programs for all kids to enjoy. The after school programs give students the opportunity to complete their homework with assistance from qualified staff as well as develop social skills and engage in programs that promote healthy lifestyles, character development and academic success.

They also offer Club K (kindergarten program), arts, computer activities, gym & outdoor fitness, tournaments, healthy cooking, a soccer league, Junior Leaders, Teen Center, and a daily free snack. For more information on their services, please visit https://www.sdyouth.org/oakes





My office will host and sponsor several community cleanups in the coming months. These are events where volunteers gather to beautify their neighborhoods. Safety equipment for trash pickup will be provided and there will also be opportunities to receive community service hours.

Please contact my office at (619) 236-6688 or VivianMoreno@SanDiego.gov for any questions about these events.

Location

King Chavez Academy, 2716 Marcy Ave, 92113

528 33rd Street, 92102

TBD, San Ysidro - Large item drop-off available





March 7, 9AM-11AM

Date & Time

March 28, 9AM-11AM

April 18, 9AM-1PM

MEET COUNCILMEMBER MORENO'S INTERNS



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Sophia is a Senior at San Diego State University with plans to graduate this May with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. She is the President of the Odyssey Online chapter at SDSU and a member of the Speech and Debate Team. Sophia plans to attend law school after graduation. She speaks Spanish fluently, is passionate about community service and is a great asset in the District 8 office.





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- Assist with casework - Help organize events

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Mar	Date	<u>Event</u>
	2	Read Across America - Balboa Elementary
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VERA	10	UCSD at San Ysidro High School
	19	MTS Board Meeting
	20	SANDAG Public Safety Committee
	27	SANDAG Borders Committee
13-9	30	Neighborhood Town Hall
Apr	3	MTS Budget Committee
	7	TranscenDANCE
	10	SANDAG Board of Directors Meeting
	15	Sherman Elementary Jog-a-thon
LE	16	MTS Board Meeting
	17	SANDAG Public Safety Committee
	18	I Love a Clean San Ysidro Cleanup
	22	Neighborhood Town Hall
	25	50th Annual Chicano Park Day
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12PM - 1728 S. 39th St.

6:30PM - 5353 Airway Rd.

8:30AM - 1255 Imperial Ave.

1PM - 202 B St.

12:30PM - 202 B St.

4PM - TBD

1PM - 1255 Imperial Ave.

6PM - 148 E. 12th St.

9AM - 202 B St.

8:30AM - 301 22nd St.

9AM - 1255 Imperial Ave.

1PM - 202 B St.

9AM - TBD

4PM - TBD

9:30AM - 2010 National Ave.

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WHO SHOULD YOU CALL?

