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## **NEW PORT OF ENTRY IN OTAY MESA**

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# **GETTING IT DONE**

# **IN THE COMMUNITY**



Segments of Monument Road and Hollister Street in the Tijuana River Valley received fresh asphalt overlay in July. With the opening of the new County Campground earlier this year, these renewed roads will help facilitate new visitors from near and far.

I highly encourage members of the public to take advantage of the over 20 miles of hiking trails in the Tijuana River Valley. Maps are available at every trailhead and parking lot. In July, we hosted four dumpster drop-off events and two community cleanups, with additional events planned throughout 2021.

These events are FREE opportunities for residents to dispose of large unwanted items. Follow us on social media to stay-up-to-date on our event schedule.



## 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.



During the months of April & May, my office helped host several vaccination events throughout District 8, including at San Ysidro Middle School.

I would like to thank each and every volunteer for committing your time to this effort. These events were hosted in partnership with Family Health Centers of San Diego, San Ysidro Health, Latino Equity Council, Generosity Water, Urban Plates and local school districts.

If you need help getting a COVID-19 Vaccine, please contact my office at (619) 236-6688 or email VivianMoreno@SanDiego.gov. Vaccination rate for SD County as of July 30, 2021: 67.6%

On July 1, I attended the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing ceremony between the United States and Mexico for the new Otay Mesa East Port of Entry scheduled to open in 2024.

The MOU is an agreement to ensure the completion of the state-of-the-art border crossing in Otay Mesa, that will connect directly to State Route 11 and have a 20-minute average border crossing time. The project is currently in phase 2 which includes the construction of a four-lane highway from Enrico Fermi Drive to the location of the new Port of Entry.



# **FISCAL YEAR 2022**

# **BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**



On June 14, 2021, the City Council unanimously approved the City of San Diego's budget for Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022). During my over 10 years working for the City, I can say with certainty that this is the best budget for District 8. We have included some highlights on the next few pages.

## **BOSTON AVENUE LINEAR PARK**

The FY22 budget included a \$500,000 funding allocation for the creation of the Boston Avenue Linear Park Project. These resources will allow the City's Parks and Recreation Department to move forward with the design phase and finalize a General Development Plan for the park.

My advocacy for this project is based on the community's vision to create a vibrant, half-mile long linear park between the 2900 and 3200 blocks of Boston Avenue in Barrio Logan's residential zone.



## **BARRIO LOGAN TRUCK ROUTE**



## **UNIMPROVED STREETS FUNDING**

In February, my unimproved streets ordinance was unanimously approved by the City Council. The City of San Diego currently has over 60 miles of unimproved dirt streets and alleys with a vast majority located in Council Districts 4 & 8, two of the most diverse and low-income districts. This policy change amended an antiquated City law that prevented these dirt streets and alleys from being improved, which is critical in advancing social equity across the City.

With the enactment of my proposal, my office was successful in advocating for \$250,000 that will go directly towards improving South Bancroft Street located in the Stockton community of District 8. This road will now be elevated to City standards.

\$100,000 was allocated to install street-calming infrastructure on Beardsley Street, from Logan Avenue to Harbor Drive, and on Boston Avenue, from 28th Street to 32nd Street.

This project will help divert toxic air away from Barrio Logan and increase enforcement of the Barrio Logan Truck Route, which has been a priority for the community and my office.



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# **FISCAL YEAR 2022**

#### **TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON 31ST STREET**



\$900,000 was allocated to install two traffic signals at the intersection of Market Street & 31st Street, and National Avenue & 31st Street to help improve public safety.

These intersections are frequently used by children attending school at both King Chavez Primary Academy and Rodriguez Elementary which is why my office made these a priority.

#### UTILITY UNDERGROUNDING

City crews are expected to complete undergrounding of the utility poles and wires on Coronado Avenue, 25th Street, 31st Street and 32nd Street by the end of this calendar year.

In Fiscal Year 2021, over 17 miles of overhead utility lines were relocated to underground and I am excited to see more projects this upcoming year. Each completed undergrounding project helps improve neighborhood safety and aesthetics.





#### **NEW FIRE STATION IN OTAY MESA**

am delighted to announce that the City's FY22 Budget included \$9.5 million of funding to the Otay Mesa Facilities Assessment Fund.

These resources have been allocated to support several projects in the Otay Mesa Community, including a new Fire Station (#49) that will be located at the intersection of Ocean View Hills Parkway and Sea Fire Point in the Ocean View Hills Neighborhood.

# COUNCILMEMBER MORENO

Hidden Trails Neighborhood Park will be located east Parsons Landing and north of Westport View Drive in the Oce View Hills community in Otay Mesa.

The General Development Plan was approved in January includes park features such as children's play equipment, half-court basketball, fitness equipment, restrooms and shade structures with picnic tables. The \$480,000 funding allocation included in the FY22 budget will facilitate design completion and the preparation of construction documents.

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# **BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **SOUTHWEST PARK**

The FY22 Budget includes \$1 million to finalize the design and preparation of construction documents. In February, the City's Parks and Recreation Board approved the General Development Plan for Southwest Park, which will be located at the intersection of Grove Avenue and 25th Street in Otay Mesa.

The proposed design features large turf fields, a children's play area, picnic spaces, basketball court, dog park, drinking fountains and restrooms. To learn how you can get involved and help us advocate for the completion of Southwest Park, please contact my Otay Mesa representative Cristina Sanchez at CMSanchez@SanDiego.gov.

#### **HIDDEN TRAILS PARK**

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# **FISCAL YEAR 2022**

#### **BEYER PARK**

# **BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**



The General Development Plan for the 8 acre state-of-the-art Beyer Park was approved by the City's Parks and Recreation Board in September 2020. The FY22 budget allocated \$1 million to finalize construction documents for this project. Beyer Park's current design includes large multi-purpose turf fields, a children's play area, dog park, skate park, picnic spaces, walking trails and restrooms.

Total project cost is estimated at \$19.5 million, split into two phases. The City has also applied for Prop 68 statewide grants to finalize construction of Beyer Park. Award announcements are expected this summer.



Following input from community members in San Ysidro, a new sidewalk will be installed on Howard Avenue, from Iris Avenue to Village Pine Drive. Students attending Nicoloff Elementary use Howard Avenue to walk to and from school, and the new sidewalk will improve public safety.

This project also includes installation of a new retaining wall, curb ramps, traffic signal relocation and other associated improvements for the new sidewalk. The FY22 budget includes \$600,000 for the Howard Avenue sidewalk.

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#### RIVIERA DEL SOL NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

The Riviera Del Sol Neighborhood Park will be a 4.9acre park located near Del Sol Boulevard and Riviera Shores Street in Otay Mesa. The General Development Plan was first approved in 2012 but has been on hold since due to lack of funding.

Moving forward with the development of this park has been one of my highest priorities, so I am pleased to see the FY22 Budget includes \$600,000 to proceed with construction. The start date for construction is tentatively scheduled for 2022 with a total cost of \$9.5 million.



#### **CYPRESS DRIVE CULTURAL CORRIDOR**

The Cypress Drive Cultural Corridor will be located in the historic center of San Ysidro, spanning through Cypress Drive from West San Ysidro Boulevard to the trolley tracks. The project will feature a safe walkway for community members and visitors with historical and cultural displays along Cypress Drive.

The FY22 Budget includes \$800,000 for this project to move forward with the design phase, and my office is committed to help facilitate that process in tandem with the community.

#### **HOWARD AVE SIDEWALK**



# **MEET COUNCILMEMBER MORENO'S STAFF**

# **INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN DISTRICT 8**



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Cristina's Responsibilities:

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- Egger Highlands
- Nestor

# INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Our internship program offers individuals a unique opportunity to have hands-on experience working in a City Council office. Among the main duties is to keep the residents connected with the work taking place at City Hall. This is accomplished through community events, constituent casework, correspondence and everyday involvement with the communities of Council District 8.

Essential duties include:

- Gathering and reporting a variety of constituent requests.
- Provide accurate and complete information in response to constituent inquiries.
- Following up with various City Departments on constituent casework
- Active involvement in organizing community events
- Assist with and maintain office procedures and routine correspondence.
- Ability to manage multiple tasks and competing deadlines simultaneously.

Transportation and other expenses are the responsibility of the intern, however, we do offer hourly financial compensation. Student interns may also quality for extra-credit for their classes in addition to earning a letter of recommendation from Councilmember Moreno.

#### How to apply:

Please email your resume and cover letter to Chris Jonsmyr at HJonsmyr@SanDiego.gov.



The office of Councilmember Moreno is looking for bright, self-motivated individuals who are interested in learning the dynamics of working in a local government office.



## WHO SHOULD YOU CALL?

