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GETTING IT DONE

IN THE COMMUNITY



On November 8, we celebrated the reopening of the United States-Mexico border in San Ysidro! Our border communities were disproportionately impacted by the closure of the San Ysidro Port of Entry with over 250 businesses shutting their doors according to the San Ysidro Chamber of Commerce.

As we safely resume our pre-pandemic activities, I am confident that by working together, we can help our border communities rise and flourish again. As I lobbied our federal decision makers during the border closure, I appreciate the time US CBP staff took to hear my concerns on behalf of our border communities.

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In November, my office hosted three dumpster drop-offs and community cleanup events throughout District 8, hauling over eight large containers of waste from the community.

These events are FREE opportunities for residents to dispose of large unwanted items. Our next dumpster dropoff events are listed on page 11, and I also encourage you to follow me on social media (@VivianMorenoSD) to stay-up-to date on all upcoming events.



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.



The Sherman Heights Community Center (SHCC) held their annual Noche De Mole as part of their Dia De Los Muertos celebrations last month. The event featured live music, amazing food and a beautiful display of altars decorated by the community.

Thank you to SHCC's Executive Director Daniela Kelly and the wonderful staff and volunteers who helped make this event an overwhelming success. Visit www.shermanheightscc.org to check out their awesome programs.



Follow us on Facebook & Instagram @VivianMorenoSD to stay up-to-date on all of our events.

On November 20, the San Ysidro community gathered to recognize Coach Alberto Leduc Day in the City of San Diego.

Coach Leduc started working for the City of San Diego as a recreational leader over 40 years ago. He taught tennis and expanded his tennis program to schools and to those who needed it the most by providing a low-cost tennis program for children.

Through Coach Leduc's commitment and service, he established a legacy of kindness, mentorship and love for tennis that will resonate in the community for generations to come. Thank you Coach Leduc!



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CITY HALL UPDATES

RECREATION PROGRAMMING EQUITY AUDIT



It is an injustice for the kids and families in District 8 to not have the same opportunities because of where they live.

"Our Parks and Recreation programs should be offered equally throughout the City!"

The City Auditor's recommendations provide an excellent pathway for restructuring how we offer programming across San Diego, and I am pleased the City's Parks and Recreation Department have agreed to implement all of them. Some of the recommendations may require additional funding, which I hope will be considered during the City Council's Mid-Year Budget Adjustment session. More info on the Audit is available at https://tinyurl.com/SDParksAudit.

I encourage members of the public to provide input during the Council's Mid-Year Budget Adjustment sessions that will be held in early February 2022.

The City Auditor presented their Performance Audit of Equity in Recreation Programming within the City of San Diego, at City Council's Audit Committee on November 17.

The report confirmed what many already suspected, a severe inequity exists between our underserved communities and wealthy ones when it comes to programs offered at our City's park and recreation centers. This Audit is clear in the differences. Twice as many recreation programs are offered in affluent communities and current program spending per recreation center is 47% higher in wealthy communities in the City of San Diego.



CITY HALL UPDATES

BARRIO LOGAN COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

On November 3, the City Council's Land Use and Housing Committee unanimously approved the proposed Barrio Logan Community Plan Update, providing a comprehensive policy framework for growth and development over the next 20 to 30 years.

The community has suffered for decades due to the incompatible land uses that exist right next to each other. The new plan includes a 65-acre transition zone to serve as strengthens the Barrio Logan truck route by preventing large trucks from using neighborhood streets. The plan promotes better mobility by making walking and biking viable transportation options within Barrio Logan, with connections to jobs and services.



Artist rendition of proposed Cesar E. Chavez Parkway Ceremo

The plan also requires onsite affordable housing, with a 15% inclusionary housing requirement for any residential and mixed-use developments of 10 or more dwelling units. To guard against displacement of local residents, the proposed update has strengthened the protections for renters, so that when affordable units are built, local renters have the first opportunity to live in those units. Visit www.planbarrio.org to check out the proposed update.

I want to thank all of our Barrio Logan Planning Group (BLPG) members who helped get this plan right. In particular, BLPG Chair Mark Steele, deserves a major shoutout for his continuous efforts over the last few years to ensure the BLPG and residents were fully engaged with all stakeholders and city staff.

The plan update is due for final approval by the City Council on December 7, 2021.

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

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J STREET MINIPARK OPENING & TURKEY GIVEAWAY

MORE PARKS COMING TO D8



On Saturday before Thanksgiving, my office hosted a celebration and turkey giveaway event to commemorate the grand opening of J Street Minipark. Thanks to our sponsors, we were able to provide over 90 turkeys to members of the community.

am very excited to see the completion of J Street Minipark, which I requested funding for in my FY21 Budget Priority Memo last year. The new park features multiple children's play structures with a rubberized surface, new security lighting, picnic areas, water fountain and seating.

Thank you to City crews for constructing a beautiful new park in District 8, and to our event sponsors UFCW Local 135, the San Diego Parks Foundation, Northgate Barrio Logan, Starbucks and Restaurant Depot for supporting our turkey giveaway.











Help us turn this into that!

The City's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget allocated \$1 million to move forward with construction preparation of Southwest Park, but we need your help to advocate for additional funding. Join the Friends of Southwest Park to receive updates on the park's progress and upcoming meetings.

Get more info and register at www.tinyurl.com/SouthwestPark or scan the QR code above using any smartphone. You can also contact my office at (619) 236-6688 or email VivianMoreno@SanDiego.gov.

The upgrades of Gamma Street Mini-Park, located at the corner of Gamma Street and South 41st Street in Shelltown, is nearly complete. Opening of this park is planned in the next few months, dates will be announced soon.

The park improvements include new play structures, drinking fountain, picnic tables and landscaping. Total project cost is approximately \$819,000.

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SOUTHWEST PARK

GAMMA STREET MINIPARK



TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY

EPA ANNOUNCES NEW INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS TO COMBAT POLLUTION







The proposed infrastructure solutions include a new wastewater treatement plant, expanded treatment capacity at the current South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant, new diversion system in the main river channel and water reuse projects.

Reports presented by the EPA indicate the new proposed projects will reduce the frequency of transboundary flows in the Tijuana River by 76% and reduce closures of Imperial Beach by 95% during tourist season. More info is available at https://tinyurl.com/TRVproposal.

The projects total over \$600 million in capital investments, of which approximately \$300 million has been allocated. I will continue to use the power of my office to advocate for additional funds and engage stakeholders on both sides of the border.

Earlier in November, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a comprehensive infrastructure solution to address the transboundary sewage entering the Tijuana River Valley- a significant milestone towards solving the ongoing environmental disaster.

One of my first actions after assuming office in December 2018 was to succesfully urge the City to sue the federal government over their failure to uphold the Clean Water Act. From receiving \$300 million in federal funds as part of the USMCA last year to EPA's commitment and transparency during the months of project evaluation, our regional engagement and advocacy with the federal government has paid off.

The EPA is currently conducting their environmental impact study (NEPA) and aims to implement the first project in Q3 of 2022.



Councilmember Moreno and staff Gerardo Ramirez volunteering at a cleanup in Smugglers Gulch on Sept 28, 2021.

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Citizen involvement is critical for good community development. The City of San Diego has recognized community planning and recreation advisory groups to help facilite the exchange of information in the decision-making processes. Below is a list of planning and recreation groups currently active in District 8.

I highly encourage members of the public to attend meetings and provide input on issues in their neighborhood. Virtual meeting links can be obtained by reaching out to your respective group contact or by contacting my office at (619) 236-6688 or email VivianMoreno@SanDiego.gov.

Community Planning Groups						
	Barrio Logan	3rd Wednesday at 6PM	Virtual	Mark Steele, Chair mark@mwsteele.com		
	Southeastern	2nd Monday at 6PM	Virtual	Myron Taylor, Chair zach236@gmail.com		
	Otay Mesa	3rd Wednesday at 3PM	Virtual	Rob Hixson, Chair rob.hixson@cbre.com		
	Otay Mesa-Nestor 2nd Wednesday at 6:30PM San Ysidro 3rd Monday at 5:30PM		Virtual	Edgar Garfias, Secretary omncpg.sec@gmail.com		
			Virtual	Rudy Lopez, Jr., Chair rudyjrlopez@gmail.com		
	Recreation Advisory Groups					
	Stockton	TBD	TBD	TBD		
	Memorial	2nd Tuesday at 7PM	Memorial Rec Center 2902 Marcy Ave, 92113	Marco Cisneros, President marco.a.cisneros.jr@gmail.com		
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Silver Wing & Montgomery Waller*	2nd Thursday at 7PM		
Robert Egger Sr	3rd Wednesday at 6:30PM		
Ocean View Hills	1st Wednesday at 6:30PM		
San Ysidro	2nd Monday at 6PM		
Aeeting location alternates between Silver Wing and Montgomery			

Silver Wing Rec Center 3737 Arey Drive, 92154 **Robert Egger Sr Rec Center** 3002 Coronado Ave, 92154

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Col. Solomon Rec Center 179 Diza Rd, 92173

Waller. January's meeting will be at Silver Wing.

For more information, visit https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community-plans or contact my office at (619) 236-6688 or email VivianMoreno@SanDiego.gov.

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MEET COUNCILMEMBER MORENO'S STAFF



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Lizzie has been a proud homeowner in the Memorial community for over 10 years. Lizzie brings a wealth of community engagement experience to District 8 as she currently serves as Facilitator for Non-Profit Solutions, Board Member for Habitats for Humanity and a Community Neighborhood Ambassador for the San Diego Humane Society. Lizzie has previously worked as an animal nurse for the Salk Institute, San Diego Zoo and abroad in countries Japan, Mexico and South Africa.



Elizabeth "Lizzie" Rodriguez

Council Representative

Lizzie's Communities:

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- Logan Heights
- Sherman Heights
- Memorial
- Stockton
- Shelltown

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	18	Bomberos De San Diego M
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4PM - 2835 Imperial Ave.

10AM - 2902 Marcy Ave.

10AM - 3040 Imperial Ave.

9AM - 1925 K St.

2:30PM - 4345 Otay Mesa Rd.

10AM - 3020 Coronado Ave.

2:30PM - 2191 Hollister St.

9AM - 125 Cypress Dr.

1:30PM - 3350 E St.

9AM - 198 W. San Ysidro Blvd.

10AM - 3737 Arey Dr.

12PM - 555 Broadway, Chula Vista

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with Santa njoy some delicious holiday

treats! December 18, 2021 0am - 2:00pm

g Recreation Center Dr, San Diego 92154 × 19) 424-0465



WHO SHOULD YOU CALL?

