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City Council Passes “Vision Zero” Resolution

On October 27, San Diego’s City Council adopted a resolution called “Vision Zero” that aims to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2025 in the City. San Diego Councilmembers, members of the Vision Zero coalition, and victims of traffic collisions gathered after the vote to acknowledge this important decision.

The City has experienced an alarming increase in traffic deaths, especially among pedestrians, over the past several years. Traffic collisions now claim twice as many lives in San Diego as homicides. The City’s Infrastructure Committee unanimously approved a Vision Zero Resolution in September. Initial steps will be to form a Vision Zero Task Force and create an action plan for reaching the goal of zero traffic deaths.

The motion to adopt a Vision Zero resolution comes not one moment too early in San Diego. Traffic collisions have been on the rise since 2012 and the number of traffic deaths each year is twice the rate of homicides. For the numerous organizations supporting the campaign, Vision Zero represents a coherent effort to highlight many street improvement projects they have advocated for over several years.

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INTERNSHIPS

San Diego City Council President Pro Tem Emerald’s office is currently accepting applications from motivated high school and college students looking to gain experience interning for an elected official. Interested applicants should e-mail Julio Rivera a cover letter, résumé and at least one letter of recommendation to jcrivera@sandiego.gov.

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Getting Things Done



City crews recently installed two new speed bumps on Highland Ave. between El Cajon Blvd. and Monroe Ave. to slow traffic down, making the street safer for the neighborhood and for the students at Hoover High. A special shout out to Ron A. from the community for your leadership in helping make this possible!



Westgate Pl. is a street the community has been asking to get repaved for years. It's a huge win for the Fairmount Park Neighborhood Association to finally see this work happen! In addition to their neighborhood being repaved the city also installed new curb

Preparing for El Niño

I would like to remind you that this winter we are experiencing an El Niño. We can expect heavy rainfall, flooding, high coastal surf, and mudslides. The City's Storm Water & Transportation Department is preparing for the El Niño by clearing out storm drains and roadways. While we hope the damage to our City is not as bad as meteorologists predict, I encourage you to be prepared in the event of flooding. In advance of the rainfall, make certain you:

- Keep insurance policies, documents, and other valuables in a safe-deposit box
- Check your homeowner's or renter's insurance for flood insurance coverage. Most insurance policies do **NOT** offer protection against flood losses.
- Keep your car fueled. If electric power is cut off, filling stations may not be able to operate.
- Know safe routes from your home or office to high, safe ground.
- Keep sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting, lumber, and other emergency building materials handy for waterproofing.

For more information on how to be prepared for the El Niño please visit the following websites:

County of San Diego's *Ready San Diego*: <http://ReadySanDiego.org/>

The Federal Government's *Ready*: <http://www.ready.gov/>

The California Department of Water Resources: <http://www.water.ca.gov/floodsafe/ca-flood-preparedness/>

"Iron Workers Day" in San Diego

I recently proclaimed October 27, 2015 "Iron Workers Local 229 Day" in the City of San Diego! Ironworkers invested \$7 million to build a state-of-the-art training center to continue to develop a highly skilled workforce essential for building our communities – from bridges and roads, to skyscrapers and solar fields. This comes at a time when these jobs are showing higher-than-average demand. Ironworker jobs are projected to grow 22 percent by 2022, which is faster than the average for all occupations, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Nationally, wages for ironworkers are about 32 percent higher than the median for all jobs.



Around District 9



My office in association with “Comunidad Latina en City Heights,” SAY San Diego, City Heights Recreation Center, City Heights Business Association, City Heights Library, City Heights Performance Annex, and Mid-City Police Department was proud to sponsor **City Heights Dia de los Muertos 2015**. Dia de los Muertos – the Day of the Dead – is a holiday that honors the dead with festivals and lively celebrations. It is celebrated every year on November 1st.



I am honored to have been selected by the community to serve as the Grand Marshall in this year’s Boo! Parade. The Boulevard BOO! Parade was held in the College Area on Saturday, October 24, 2015.