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- 1) Councilmember Ward toured the Kavod Charter School to learn more about the immersive language programs offered to students.
- 2) Councilmember Ward joined the San Diego ACLU for a community conversation with District Three residents. This was a great opportunity to discuss the important policies Councilmember Ward is advocating for at City Hall.
- 3) Councilmember Ward joined future baseball stars to kick-off the season for the North Park Little League!
- 4) Councilmember Ward joined residents for a community coffee and neighborhood clean up. Thank you to the Mission Hill Business Group and Toma Sol for hosting!

Councilmember Ward serves on the following:  
 Chair, Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations  
 Chair, Regional Task Force on the Homeless

Vice-Chair, Committee on Active Transportation & Infrastructure  
 Vice-Chair, Committee on Land Use & Housing  
 Member, Rules Committee

Member, SANDAG Regional Planning Committee  
 Alternate Member, California Coastal Commission  
 Member, MTS Board of Directors



## NEWS FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHRIS WARD

Dear Neighbor:

Decorative crosswalks have been used throughout California and the country to explore the unique cultural and historical identity of communities. Over the last six-years there have been long-standing, community-driven efforts to install a rainbow crosswalk in Hillcrest and deliver a visual demonstration of the LGBTQIA+ movement's legacy of inclusivity, influence, and activism here in San Diego.

Earlier this year, I introduced a new Creative Crosswalks Pilot Program, offering every neighborhood an opportunity to celebrate their uniqueness by utilizing crosswalks as an expression of community pride, sense of place and neighborhood history.



Rainbow crosswalks have become an empowering artistic avenue for LGBTQIA+ peoples in recent years for their ability to combine creativity and celebrate unique cultural and historical identities within communities. Rainbow crosswalks have been installed — in both temporary and permanent capacities — in West Hollywood, San Francisco, Seattle, New Jersey, Arizona and even Paris, France. Now, it's San Diego's turn.

The Hillcrest Rainbow Crosswalk is close to becoming a reality and completed in time for San Diego Pride 2019 in July; the next step is to fundraise for installation and guarantee that this community project will last for generations. We have a goal of raising \$25,000 to cover the costs of installation, but to meet that goal we need support from not just the Hillcrest community but from all San Diego County residents who believe in this project and the meaning behind it. We humbly ask for donations for the goal of contributing to San Diego's LGBTQIA+ legacy, creating a visual marker that will forever celebrate inclusivity and diversity.

Donations can be made at [sdpride.org/rainbow](http://sdpride.org/rainbow).

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## AGE—FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

Councilmember Ward joined city staff, advocacy groups and community leaders to announce San Diego's membership in the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities.



Age-Friendly Communities, in partnership with local governments and experts on aging and community advocates, encourages well-designed, livable communities that promote health, and address the needs of older adults by encouraging systems-level changes.

As San Diegans age and continue to live healthy and active lives, our communities must adapt. San Diego's participation in this Age-Friendly Initiative guarantee's our City access to a global network of participating communities, as well as aging and civil society experts, key information about the program, such as the latest news and information about best practices, and opportunities for partnerships with other cities, both domestic and international.

## GOLDEN HALL TEMPORARY HOMELESS SHELTER

The San Diego City Council's decision to utilize the City Hall concourse and Golden Hall as a temporary homeless shelter will keep families together, safe, and near services that provide access to permanent housing.



This was the right decision and one that Councilmember Ward has advocated for since 2017. Moving forward, Councilmember Ward will continue pushing city officials to actively look for shelter and housing opportunities throughout San Diego, including on city owned land and facilities.

While this action was necessary to provide shelter and services for hundreds of San Diegans, we must remain committed to Housing First principles, pursuing affordable and attainable housing opportunities that end homelessness and serve as a platform for San Diegans to improve their quality of life.

## ENVIRONMENTAL ROUNDTABLE

Last month, Councilmember Ward hosted his second environmental roundtable meeting with representatives from local environmental organizations to discuss the City of San Diego's climate and green priorities. Actions opposing climate change must be made at the local level, and it's essential that San Diego remains at the forefront of leadership to reverse the dangerous impacts of climate change.



Councilmember Ward will be looking to bring climate related policy and discussions to the Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations Committee and looks forward to working with local organizations and community members to build a sustainable San Diego.

## Community Events

I look forward to seeing you soon out in the community at one of the following District Three events.

- Cocktails With Your Councilmember
  - April 9, 5:30pm - 7:00pm
  - Ould Sod, 3373 Adams Ave
- North Park Farmers Market
  - April 11, 4:30pm - 6:00pm
  - 3000 North Park Way
- Coffee With Your Councilmember,
  - April 27, 10:00am-11:30am
  - Quartyard, 1301 Market Street

For more information on any of these events, contact my office.

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