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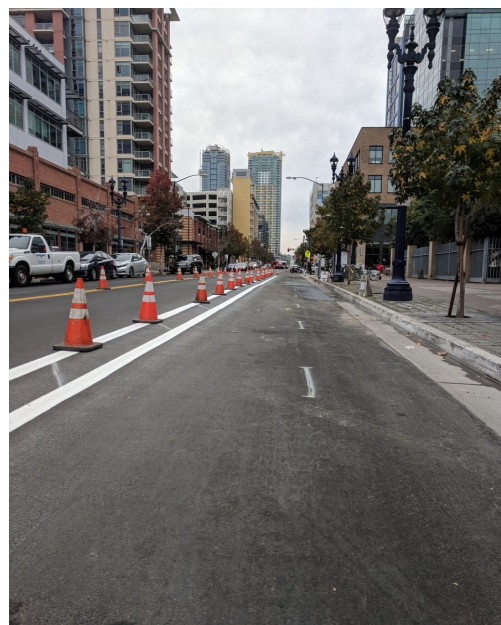
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- 1) The Japanese Friendship Garden has a new addition! A beautiful restored statue from 1735 and a tranquil fountain.
- 2) My office joined the San Diego Labor Council at Feeding San Diego to sort, clean, bag and box food for Labor's Annual Food and Toy Drive.
- 3) Thanks to community members and North Park Planning the intersection of Thorn and Grim in North Park is now an all-way stop.
- 4) Installation of Phase 1 of the Downtown Mobility Plan has begun! This investment will provide safe infrastructure for those living and commuting downtown while moving us closer to achieving our Climate Action Plan benchmarks.

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

Member, MTS Board of Directors

Alternate Member, California Coastal Commission



NEWS FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHRIS WARD

Happy New Year!

This last year, we accomplished quite a lot for District Three and the City of San Diego. Sometimes with so much going on and in these fast-paced times it's difficult to remember all of our progress. I will be updating my city website to keep information available for you about neighborhood policies by area, and our ongoing work plan.

With the new legislative year beginning on January 7th, I'm honored to continue the advocacy for quality neighborhood services in our communities. My council colleagues and I share a commitment to pursuing a meaningful, community driven agenda this next year and building a strong Council to champion it.

I'm excited to share with you that I will be continuing the chairmanship of the Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations Committee and have been appointed Vice Chair of the Committee on Active Transportation and Infrastructure, Vice Chair of the Committee on Land Use and Housing, and as a standing member of the Rules Committee.

As Chair of the Regional Task Force on Homelessness I will continue to pursue programs and policies that have been proven to end an individual's homelessness while working with regional stakeholders to improve our community's response to homelessness.

2019 has promise to be a transformative year for the City of San Diego. With your input and support I'm confident in our ability to secure a safer, sustainable San Diego.

January 2019

DISTRICT 3

Land Use & Housing Committee

I've had the honor of being selected to serve as the Vice Chair of the Land Use & Housing Committee. San Diego is uniquely positioned to utilize its land, and its financial and political strength, to implement desperately needed changes to address our housing shortage.

Safe, stable homes are critical to the constituents we serve, the sustained growth of our economy, and the opportunities for future generation. In the past two years, our City Council has taken critical steps to make progress on the dual crises of homelessness and insufficient affordable and workforce housing. However, we are not keeping up with population demands and the persistent failure to meet this need has jeopardized both individual dreams and our City's future.

I intend to work to ensure that policies are drawing on known best practices and innovative solutions so we are able to finally implement a deliberate and holistic plan to house our homeless, ensure development of affordable housing is proportional to our overall housing stock, and further prioritize much-needed units, like Permanent Supportive Housing.



Council At Your Door

For the last two years I've made it a priority for my office to be accessible as possible. As residents, you are entitled to know what your elected officials are doing, why it's important, and its impact on your neighborhood. I also want to hear directly from you, what your concerns are and how I can better advocate for the city services you depend on.

I will be continuing bi-monthly community walks to bring city business and policy to your door. It's my hope that the input my office receives will better inform the decisions I make every day for our neighborhoods.

If you have any questions regarding this outreach program or would like to suggest neighborhoods that my office could visit, please reach out to my office at 619-236-6633 or email me at christopherward@sandiego.gov.



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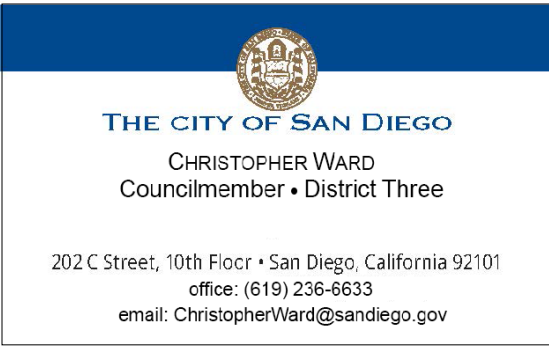
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District Three Budget Priorities



In January I will issue a memorandum to our Independent Budget Analyst stating our district's budget priorities that will continue to develop a spending plan that balances fiscal responsibility with the need to make bold investments in San Diego's future.

Our budget is a reflection of the values of our communities and illustrates my commitment to making San Diego an equitable City that is growing responsibly and addresses the needs of all neighborhoods and residents.

Throughout this budget process I intend to fiercely advocate for solutions to homelessness, create safe and livable neighborhoods, fulfill our Climate Action Plan, and expand initiatives that support the mobility of healthy citizens in a safe, accessible, vibrant San Diego.

I encourage everyone that is able to participate in this process and share with my office what your priorities are by reaching me with your thoughts at 619-236-6633 or by email at christopherward@sandiego.gov,

If we get involved, if we make our voices heard, our City budget can truly be an expression of the values we hold.