





1. Wonderful day in Downtown and Barrio Logan promoting bike safety and fully activated streets during the 5th CicloSDias . 2. Celebrating the LGBT Center's 45th Annual Gala, and all the tremendous work they do to support full equality and inclusion in San Diego. 3. Opening the new Waldo Waterman Park overlook-ing Maple Canyon in Bankers Hill. 4. Dedicating the honorary Leon Williams Drive to a San Diego legend.

Councilmember Ward serves on the following:

Chair, Council Select Committee on Homelessness

Vice-Chair, Infrastructure Committee Member, Public Safety & Livable Neighborhoods Committee Member, SANDAG Public Safety Committee Member, Environment Committee Member, Rules Committee Liaison, Civic San Diego

Vice-Chair, Regional Task Force on the Homeless San Diego

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Dear Neighbors:

While many of the big items before the City Council this year are still to come in November and December, October was a busy month in the District Three office across a wide range of policy areas. Here's a quick roundup of what we're working on, and you can find more information about all of these items on our website:

Inclusionary Housing: For years, San Diego has failed to keep up with the need for affordable housing, and we're all seeing the consequences every day. The Council continues to see projects with little or no affordable housing included on site, and in light of new opportunities provided by new state legislation, I've called for an examination of ways to increase the production of affordable housing units in local projects.



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report that the Police Department is not using that funding to test kits, I've called for a report to Council to explain the disconnect.

I appreciate the opportunity you continue to provide me to serve the diverse and dynamic communities of District Three. Thank you for all you do to work with me in ensuring our shared success. You can reach out to me by calling my office at (619) 236-6633 or by email at ChristopherWard@sandiego.gov

NEWS FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHRIS WARD

Police Chief Search: City staff recently concluded a series of public hearings and received online feedback to learn the public's priorities for our next police chief. One of the clearest themes was a need for transparency, which is why I've requested that the City Council receive updates about the search process and establish a confirmation process which will allow full public vetting before our next chief is officially confirmed.

Rape Kit Testing: During this year's budget process, the City Council budgeted \$500,000 to address the San Diego Police Department's backlog of untested rape kits, representing roughly a third of all untested kits in the entire state. Following a recent media

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Short Term Vacation Rentals Update

The City Council's scheduled meeting to address the regulation and enforcement of short term vacation rental properties which had been scheduled for October 23 was rescheduled for December 12. The extra time will allow city staff to address legal requirements raised by the City Attorney's office shortly before the hearing was to be held.

This issue has been lingering for many years, and the absence of action will allow the situation to continue without enforcement or any clear regulations, which is not acceptable in any of our neighborhoods. I joined my colleagues Mark Kersey, Scott Sherman and David Alvarez on a framework for regulation in September, and we will continue to work towards a solution which will:

- Allow property owners reasonable opportunities for limited short-term rental use
- Control impacts and provide peaceful co-existence for neighbors
- Allay investor interest in housing stock
- Provide self-sustaining revenue to enforce violations
- Support affordable housing funding for San Diegans in the future

In advance of the December 12 meeting, you can read my Voice of San Diego OpEd from September 22nd, and review the full policy proposal in the news section of my website, and I hope you'll share your thoughts with my office.

Homelessness Update

During October, the City took several important steps to provide temporary relief to the Hepatitis A outbreak and homelessness crisis. First, the City put up temporary bathrooms with security throughout downtown, and began a street-cleaning program with a bleach solution in Downtown, Uptown, Golden Hill, North Park, beach communities, and along the San Diego River. This program is ongoing and new areas in need of cleaning are still being identified, so please contact our office with areas which need attention.

Additionally, the City partnered with Dreams for Change and Jewish Family Service to expand existing safe parking programs in Kearny Mesa, and worked with Alpha Project to set up a temporary safe campsite at the city maintenance yard near 26th and Pershing, providing temporary refuge for hundreds of homeless San Diegans while we wait for larger programs to come online.

Three temporary, large scale industrial tents announced in September will provide safe space for 700 homeless San Diegans, and the first should be up and

running in the coming weeks. We continue working closely to ensure appropriate services are provided onsite to help people find permanent housing, and to increase the housing options available to homeless individuals.

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In the Community





Thank you to everyone who joined us in October throughout the district at our community events. We look forward to seeing you soon out in the community at one of our upcoming events:

For more information on either event, contact Brett Weise at bweise@sandiego.gov or (619) 236-6633.

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Councilmember Ward Community Meetings:

Little Italy Coffee with your Councilmember: November 18, 9:00am-10:30am, Caffe Italia, 1704 India Street.

South Park Cocktails with Your Councilmember: November 28, 5:30pm-7:00pm, The Rose Wine Bar, 2219 30th Street.

