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1. Joining California Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de León and regional leaders in support of new state transportation and infrastructure funding. 2. Thanking committed volunteers who help maintain the Balboa Park Rose Garden. 3. Hitting the streets with one of our city pothole-filling crews in North Park 4. Launching Father Joe's exciting new initiative to dramatically expand the homeless services offered downtown and throughout the city.

Councilmember Ward serves on the following:

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



NEWS FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHRIS WARD

Dear Neighbors:

The San Diego City Council recently convened a special meeting to address homelessness, devoting an entire day to reports and updates from the Mayor, County, Housing Commission, experts from San Diego State, service providers, and members of the public. It was the first time that a meeting has been specifically committed only to addressing our homeless crisis, and it was exceptionally necessary as we continue working to produce solutions for thousands of unsheltered San Diegans.

District Three has been at the forefront of this ongoing crisis – both Downtown and increasingly in all of our communities as the challenge has grown. At that meeting, we heard a number of encouraging updates from those who are working hard on the frontlines to help the thousands of San Diegans struggling with homelessness and to accelerate our ability to build lasting regional solutions that provide the support and opportunities these people need to get back on their feet.

During the meeting, I introduced a comprehensive memo outlining more than a dozen complementary strategies that I believe the city should pursue to ensure an even faster, more far-reaching response. I've already been encouraged by the enthusiastic response to aggressive action on homelessness, including a proposal by our Council President to move forward with a Select Committee specifically devoted to homelessness. I hope to see that committee up and running within the next several months and I'm excited about the possibilities it presents.

My memo is available to read and download on my website, and I hope you'll be in touch with me and my office soon to provide your thoughts, help us make real progress, and keep us up to date on what's important to you. Please reach out to me by email at ChristopherWard@san-diego.gov or by calling my office at (619) 236-6633.

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.

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Budget Season

April marks the beginning of budget season, with the Mayor's initial proposed budget being formally presented to City Council on Monday, April 17.

There will be a series of hearings during the following six weeks where Councilmembers, city staff, and members of the public can provide feedback and recommendations for our spending priorities in the coming fiscal year.

In addition to regularly scheduled Council meetings, there will be a special evening session on **Monday, May 15th** for those whose schedules do not allow them to participate during the workday.

As we face challenging new expenses and seek to balance the neighborhood services and long-term projects that help our city thrive, your feedback and involvement is indispensable. You can view the budget priorities shared by me and Councilmembers David Alvarez and Georgette Gomez my website, and I would welcome your feedback on them.

Please join us at Council or provide other thoughts to the D3 office at ChristopherWard@sandiego.gov or by calling (619) 236-6633.



Coffee with your Councilmember

Each month, Councilmember Ward and staff visit a local business for an informal opportunity to visit with community members and discuss the community issues that are on your mind.

We kicked off the series in March with dozens of friends and neighbors in North Park, and had a great time discussing every corner of city business. The feedback about neighborhood services, upcoming policy, and long-term vision for the city are incredibly helpful as we continue our efforts to best serve all of you.

This month, we'll be visiting Halycon Coffee Bar & Lounge on Thursday, April 27th. Please join us for a fun evening in a relaxed setting to explore what's next for District Three and San Diego.

Join neighbors and Councilmember Chris Ward

For **Coffee with Your Councilmember**
For a community update and to hear your feedback on city services.

JOIN THE DISCUSSION:
Thursday, April 27
5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Halycon Coffee Bar & Lounge – East Village
1429 Island Avenue, San Diego 92101

RSVP at bweise@sandiego.gov
For more information, please call the Council Office at (619) 236-6633

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Improvements in your Neighborhood

The City of San Diego's **Storefront Improvement Program (SIP)** revitalizes building facades visible to customers, neighboring merchants and residents. The City of San Diego provides design assistance and financial incentives to small business owners who wish to make a creative change to their storefronts.

The program offers a variety of rebate programs, encompassing a variety of improvement opportunities. If you're interested in the program for your business, contact Alissa Gabriel at 619-236-6460 or agabriel@sandiego.gov.

Check out some District Three projects in action:

Completed:

Movement Rx	838 "G" Street
Torque	3604 30th Street
The Rail	3796 5th Avenue

In Process:

The Keating	432 F Street
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New Projects:

Red House Pizza	4615 Park Blvd
Adams Import	3166 Adams Avenue



Your City at Work

San Diego District 3 Street Repairs (2016)



STREETS

Nearly 18 miles of streets were repaired or sealed.



POTHOLES

3,172 potholes were repaired.



TREES

9,641 trees were trimmed.



GRAFFITI

53,155 square feet of graffiti was abated.



STREETLIGHTS

1,067 streetlights were repaired.



SIDEWALKS

27,607 square feet of sidewalks were either repaired or replaced.

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