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1. Celebrating Out at the Park Night with the Padres and Councilmember Gómez 2. Marking Earth Day with thousands of San Diegans in Balboa Park for EarthFair—the largest free annual environmental fair in the world. 3. With members of the Stonewall Citizens' Patrol at their annual picnic celebrating eleven years working to keep our community safe. 4. Visiting West Grove in South Park for Independent Bookstore Day

Councilmember Ward serves on the following:

Vice-Chair, Infrastructure Committee

Member, Public Safety & Livable Neighborhoods Committee

Member, SANDAG Public Safety Committee

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

Member, Environment Committee

Member, Rules Committee

Liaison, Civic San Diego



NEWS FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHRIS WARD

Dear Neighbors:

Throughout most of May, the City Council will be holding hearings to examine the Mayor's proposed budget for the 2018 Fiscal Year. We'll be going through the proposals in detail, one department at a time, to examine projections and service levels for the upcoming year.

At first glance, the Mayor's proposed \$3.5B City budget maintains public safety and neighborhood services at current levels, which is critical given the projected shortfall the City is facing in the upcoming year. However, the proposal would also eliminate nearly 60 General Fund positions, and make unacceptably deep cuts to our arts and culture programs which will need to be addressed as we examine the city's spending priorities.



I'll also be looking closely at the allocations for infrastructure and homeless services, to ensure we don't lose momentum on addressing these long-standing challenges that demand more attention as we move forward. The City Council must now come together to ensure that the budget serves all of our residents and neighborhoods equitably.

The Mayor's proposed budget is available online at the City's website, and each budget hearing is open to the public – including a special evening Council hearing on Monday, May 15th. I hope you'll be in touch with me and my office to provide your thoughts on these important decisions. You can reach out to me by calling my office at (619) 236-6633

or by email at ChristopherWard@sandiego.gov.

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.

Homelessness Update

This month, the Regional Task Force on the Homeless released the results of its annual Point in Time Count. These numbers provide us an important snapshot of the region from January, and confirm what many of us have seen in our communities in the last year – we’re facing a major increase in the number of homeless on our streets, driving a crisis that demands an immediate, comprehensive response. As we further analyze this information, we’ll be better able to target our efforts and dollars to provide the full range of necessary services for individuals who need help to get back on their feet.

We’ve seen important progress from the Mayor and regional leaders, and now with the creation of a new Select Committee on the Homeless, the City Council can use this new data and experiences from recent years to drive policy solutions to accelerate our progress on finally addressing homelessness.

Please continue to stay in touch with my office at (619) 236-6633 as we push for more resources and smarter approaches to make a difference in our neighborhoods.

May Events

Our second community coffee and craft beer event in East Village was another great success. Thanks to everyone who joined us at Halycon in April to discuss neighborhood concerns and thoughts about District Three and city policies across the board.

Please join us for May office hours in Golden Hill on May 24, or at any of the great community events that are coming up. Here’s just a few events our team is looking forward to this month:

- The Fiesta de Reyes Folklorico Competition, Saturday May 6th
- The Mission Hills Garden Walk, Saturday, May 13th
- North Park Festival of the Arts, Saturday, May 20th
- Cultivate! Balboa Park Garden Party, Saturday, May 27th

Say hello wherever you spot us, and invite us to your next District Three event!



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**Councilmember
Chris Ward**

Invites Residents and
Community Members to

**District 3 Golden Hill
Community Office
Hours**

For a community update and to
hear your feedback on city
services.

We Want to Hear From You!
Wednesday, May 24
11 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Golden Hill Recreation Center –
2600 Golf Course Drive, San Diego
92102

**District 3
Community
Gathering**

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At work in your neighborhoods

- Angled Parking installed on 22nd Street between E and F Street in Golden Hill
- Tree debris cleaned up in Switzer Canyon
- Grape and Fern Restriping for Pedestrian Safety begun, to be completed in next 90 days
- Major trash and debris cleanup near the Old Town Transit Center
- New slurry seals on streets in North Park



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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