



1. Amazing energy at San Diego's Equality March, culminating at Waterfront Park 2. Taking the oath of office as San Diego's alternate to the California Coastal Commission. 3. Amazing turnout for our June Cocktails with your Councilmember event hosted at the Patio on Goldfinch. 4. Joined the Mayor and Balboa Park leaders to announce a new program combining state and local funding to plant 500 new trees in the park.

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



NEWS FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHRIS WARD

Dear Neighbors:

June was a major month for our efforts to significantly ramp up our response to homelessness both in District Three and across the region.

At City Council, we held the first meeting of our newly formed Select Committee on Homelessness. I'm excited to chair the committee and work with Councilmembers Gómez, Cate, and Zapf to identify opportunities to more aggressively respond to our ongoing homelessness crisis using every tool available to us at council. At the first meeting we examined current programs and the proposed work plan for the committee, and I invite you to review the materials on my website and provide feedback ahead of our July meeting.



Meanwhile, as Vice-Chair of the Regional Task Force on the Homeless, I was extremely excited to announce the hiring of Gordon Walker as the organization's new CEO. Mr. Walker arrives with an exceptional record as Utah's former state director of housing and community development, where he led a national conversation about Housing First strategies and where the chronically homeless count was reduced by 91% over a ten-year period. His track record demonstrates exactly the type of leadership we need for the San Diego region, and I'm very excited to have him on board.

We continue to track critical opportunities at the state level that can also make a big difference locally. Assemblymember Todd Gloria secured \$10 million in the new state budget to help homeless youth, the City Attorney's SMART program

recently received a multi-million dollar grant to expand the program for low-level repeat offenders, and AB 932 which would include San Diego in a pilot project to streamline construction of homeless housing is moving forward.

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

Join us to Walk at Pride!

Come show your Pride by marching in the San Diego LGBT Pride Parade with Councilmember Christopher Ward of District Three and Councilmember Gómez of District Nine on Saturday, July 15th at 10:30am!

San Diego has long been at the forefront of celebrating diversity and inclusion, and it's never been more important to show how beautiful our values are.

Meeting location: Hillcrest DMV Parking Lot (3960 Normal St, San Diego, CA 92103)

Time: Meet at 10:30am. Step off for the parade starts at 11:00am.

The Parade route ends at noon at the corner of Laurel and 6th Ave. The parade will happen rain or shine.

This year's Pride theme is *Allied in Action: United for Justice*. We are a diverse and intersectional community and we want to show that pride comes in every color and creed.

Show the diversity of our communities by marching with your Councilmember! Those marching with Councilmember Ward are encouraged to wear blue. Those marching with Councilmember Gómez are encouraged to wear green.



Final Budget Update

The City's budget for the next year was finalized in June, with several major changes late in the process. Up against an initial proposal from the Mayor to cut a third of the city's arts and culture funding, the city council successfully restored the funding, and in recent weeks nearly \$12 million in grants for the upcoming year was announced, spread across 133 local arts nonprofits.

The City Council added \$3 million to the initial budget in public safety funding to ensure minimum police staffing in all communities throughout the year. The budget also includes increased funding for recruitment and retention to better address our staffing shortfall, and funding for a nationwide search for our next police chief, who will replace the retiring Chief Zimmerman.

Finally, the City Council also voted against scheduling the Mayor's proposed special election to consider a convention center expansion. While expanding the convention center remains a major priority, the \$5 million or more the election would cost, and a variety of concerns about the specifics of the proposal made the general election in 2018 a better time to present voters with the best possible plan. The \$5 million set aside by the Mayor in the final budget to pay for the special election will remain unused until we're able to re-consider other possible uses for that money later in the fiscal year.



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Councilmember Ward Community Meetings:

Thank you to everyone who joined us in June for office hours in Normal Heights and Cocktails with your Councilmember in Mission Hills. We look forward to seeing you soon out in the community at one of our upcoming events:

- Hillcrest Cocktails with your Councilmember: July 6, 5pm—7pm, Uptown Tavern
- North Park Observatory Community Forum: July 13, 6:30pm-8pm, North Park Christian Fellowship Church

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

At work in your neighborhoods:

- Code enforcement on illegal signage in Old Town.
- Work resumed on ADA sidewalk ramps in Mission Hills
- Intersection of Grape and Fern in South Park re-striped to improve pedestrian safety
- Removal of illegal dumping at Texas and Madison
- Completed traffic study with additional traffic calming measures scheduled for F Street in Golden Hill
- Striping on newly repaved roads in Bankers Hill completed.
- Old Town Community Plan Update Draft released



Your City at Work

San Diego District 3 / Mid-Year Street Repairs (2017)



STREETS
Nearly **4 miles** of streets were repaired or sealed.



POTHOLES
1,092 potholes were repaired.



TREES
6,901 trees were trimmed.



GRAFFITI
30,572 square feet of graffiti was abated.



STREETLIGHTS
690 streetlights were repaired.



SIDEWALKS
20,642 square feet of sidewalks were either repaired or replaced.