



1. Another amazing year at San Diego Pride with Councilmembers Gomez and Alvarez 2. Celebrating exciting new upgrades to our Convention Center just in time for Comic Con. 3. Beautiful night for the 17th Annual State of Little Italy celebration. 4. Joined hundreds of local leaders and volunteers for Veterans Village of San Diego's Stand Down 2017 and to honor the tireless work of Phil Landis.

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:

July ended on a high note, as the City Council unanimously approved the Equal Pay Ordinance that I first proposed in February. With this approval, San Diego becomes the largest city in the nation to adopt equal pay rules, and we will continue to be a leader for economic justice and fairness.

Recent data found that the gender pay gap is much worse in San Diego than in California overall. Compared to white men, the study found women making 72 cents, black women making 50 cents, and Latinas making just 37 cents. Not only is this a problem of fairness, it makes it more difficult for women to achieve financial independence, provide for their families or prepare for a secure retirement.

For San Diego to fulfill its responsibility as a place where anyone has a fair chance to work hard and succeed, we have to use our legal and economic power to ensure that nobody is at a disadvantage because of their gender or ethnicity. This ordinance requires contractors doing business with the city to certify that they provide equal pay regardless of gender or ethnicity, and empowers the city to examine their records if necessary to verify fair pay. It establishes the framework that allows us to partner with businesses receiving tax dollars to make sure this is a fair place to work.



It's an important step forward for the city, continuing the standard established by our Living Wage and Equal Benefits policies, and building on the demonstrated commitment to fair

pay that San Diegans demonstrated when voting overwhelmingly to increase our minimum wage. I'm excited by this progress, and even more excited to continue working on more ways to make San Diego a place that empowers everyone to succeed

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

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Council Action on Housing

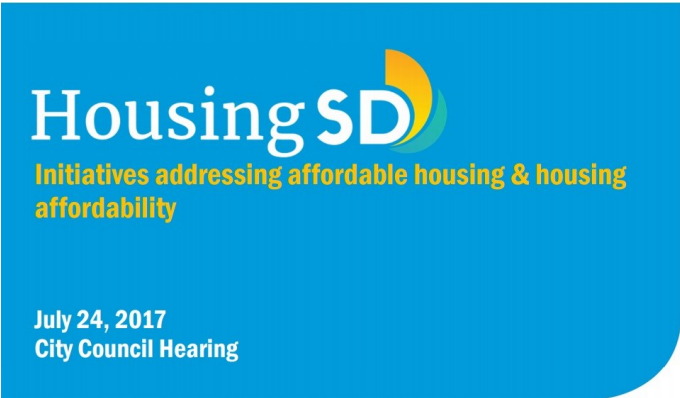
On July 24, the City Council held a special meeting entirely devoted to our Housing crisis and approaches to make housing more affordable for San Diegans.

Council voted to reduce the fees for building companion units or ‘granny flats,’ adjusted parking requirements to allow more to be built, and added guidelines to ensure that these new units go directly to easing the housing shortage for San Diegans who need relief the most.

Council also voted to expedite the approval process for projects focused on affordable, in-fill development, and sustainable building projects that help the city reach its environmental goals for development.

The following week, City Council approved the funding for 627 affordable units across six projects throughout the city, including 79 affordable units in Bankers Hill through the New Palace Hotel project.

Addressing San Diego’s housing needs will be a long process, but the progress on policy and approval of funding for hundreds of new affordable units are important steps that will help hundreds of local families meet the cost of living and embrace the opportunities to thrive in our community.



Upcoming Issues: Share your thoughts

The City Council is on recess for most of August, but when it reconvenes in September, several major issues are expected to be considered. We want to hear your thoughts as we examine the policy proposals that are coming up and work towards the best solutions for District Three and San Diego.

Following a series of City Council hearings, proposed regulations for short term vacation rentals in the city are expected to be presented in September. Our office will be carefully reviewing the proposals and seeking opportunities to keep our neighborhoods safe and welcoming while respecting property rights and ensuring that visitors are able to enjoy what makes our unique communities special.

City Council is also expected to continue work on the regulatory framework for marijuana sales. Councilmember Ward continues to work closely on this issue to ensure an equitable and workable balance of public safety and personal right to access is implemented throughout the city.

Please contact our office at christopherward@sandiego.gov or (619) 236-6633 to share your thoughts on these major issues, or anything else that’s going on in your community.



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Councilmember Ward Community Meetings:

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

- Balboa Park Community Conversation: August 1, 5pm-7pm, San Diego Museum of Art
- Maple Canyon Cleanup: August 26, 9am-12pm, Maple Canyon at West Maple Street
- North Park Office Hours: August 31, 4pm-6pm, North Park Farmers Market

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

At work in your neighborhoods:

- Graffiti removed from Junipero Serra Museum
- Worked with Police in response to illegal drug dealing
- Juniper Street evaluated for pedestrian safety improvements
- Responded to illegal dumping in Hillcrest
- Work order created for installation of stop signs for traffic calming on F Street for in Golden Hill
- Completed evaluation of Kettner and Palm for pedestrian safety improvements



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.

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