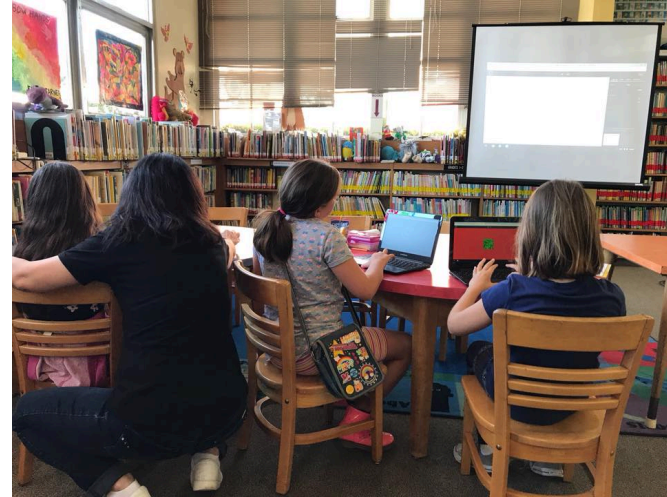


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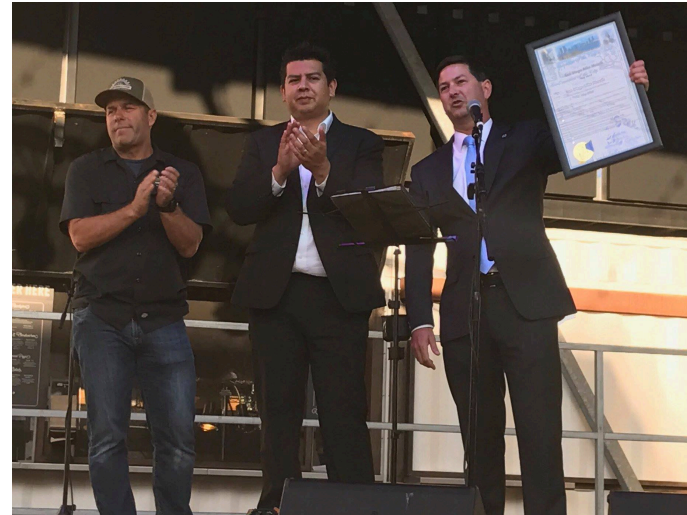
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- 1) Councilmember Ward proudly celebrating North Park Seniors, a project that embodies all we strive for—affordable housing, transit-oriented development, and housing for the underserved. 2) District Three celebrated University Heights' 130th Anniversary with the University Heights Community Association. 3) Through CPPS funding, Councilmember Ward was able to provide Chromebooks for the Creative Coding for Girls program at the Mission Hills Library. 4) The San Diego County Bicycle Coalition invited Councilmembers Ward and Alvarez to kick-off National Bike Month!

#### Councilmember Ward serves on the following:

Chair, Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations

Chair, Council Select Committee on Homelessness

Vice-Chair, Regional Task Force on the Homeless

Member, SANDAG Public Safety Committee

Alternate Member, California Coastal Commission

Vice-Chair, Budget Committee

Member, Infrastructure Committee

Member, Rules Committee

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

Dear Neighbors:

Last month, I joined regional leaders to announce the results of the 2018 Point-In-Time Count for San Diego County. This count gives us a comprehensive snapshot of changing demographics as well as the overall state of homelessness in San Diego. With the results of the count, advocates, policymakers, and service providers have a clearer understanding of the progress that has been made to address this crisis.

We were able to move hundreds of San Diegans off our streets and into one of three temporary emergency shelters setup last year. The result of this effort has been a 19% decrease in the in the number of men, women, and children living in unsheltered, unsafe, and unsanitary conditions. These individuals are now in a safe environment being assessed for housing resources that fit their particular needs.

These shelters provide an entry point for individuals into a network of service providers that are determined to facilitate their transition into permanent house. Although the shelters are a critical component of a comprehensive response to this crisis, they are by no means the sole solution. The only real solution to ending an individual's state of homelessness is to house them and San Diego intends to do just that. Using this data as a guide, I will focus my efforts using our shelter system paired with supportive services to create a tangible pathway to housing for homeless individuals.

San Diego's tight housing market makes the process of securing affordable housing challenging, but not insurmountable. My office will bring forward creative ideas such as a flex spending pool program that will fill gaps in rental or transportation costs for individuals transitioning into stable housing, and a workforce development pilot program to connect people in rapid re-housing with extensive job training opportunities. Our goal needs to be moving people into housing with the tools and resources that keep them from re-entering homelessness.

June 2018

DISTRICT 3



Select Committee on Homelessness | Flexible Spending Pool

Establishing temporary shelters has provided 700 beds for unsheltered San Diegans, but the number of individuals exiting from these shelters into a stable housing situation needs to improve. Investments must be made to the last mile of our housing process so we can provide more units at affordable rates.



I have proposed that the City of San Diego develop a flexible spending account that can allocate funding to an expanded range of Housing First opportunities. A partnership between the City, the San Diego Housing Commission, local government partners, and philanthropic assistance can create a funding source that can be used to fill gaps in rental payments, security deposits, and other additional services needed to connect individuals to permanent housing efficiently.

Securing safe and stable housing for those living in crisis on our streets must be a critical component in our fight to end chronic homelessness. The goal of this Flexible Spending Pool will be to find quality housing for clients as they work with service providers to address specific needs and turn their lives around.

Environmental Advocacy | Proposed Styrofoam Ban

The goals of the City of San Diego's Climate Action Plan are both ambitious and achievable. Among the many changes that our City must implement to meet these goals is the elimination of waste products that have serious environmental consequences. Expanded polystyrene (EPS), commonly referred to as Styrofoam, is a severe threat to our environment and the health of San Diegans. Restricting the use and sale of EPS in the City of San Diego is an action that I will be pushing the City Council to explore.



EPS acts as a permanent threat to the health and well-being of San Diegoan, wildlife, and the industries of our region. This material is not biodegradable; it instead breaks down into small pieces that invade and harm our local marine wildlife. More than 100 cities in the State of California, including San Francisco, San Jose, Imperial Beach, and Encinitas, have banned the distribution and sale of EPS. San Diego needs to join this effort.

I have requested that this issue is docketed for an upcoming Environment Committee discussion and forwarded to the full City Council for consideration. We need to continue moving our City forward, eliminating the use of this harmful material get us closer to a healthy, sustainable San Diego

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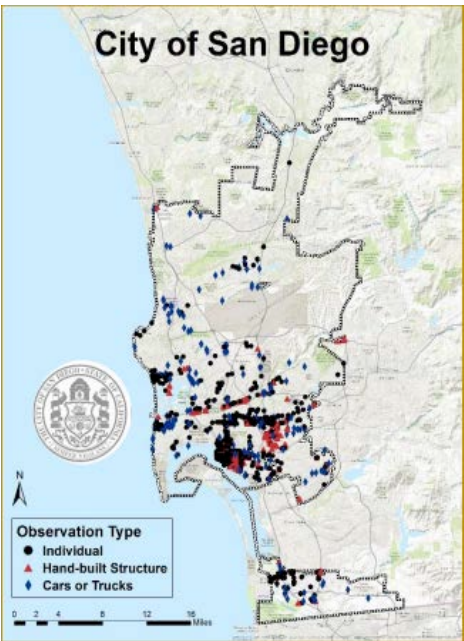
Community Meetings

We look forward to seeing you soon out in the community at one of our upcoming events:

- Bankers Hill Community Group:
- Community Office Hours: **June 20, 4:00pm—6:00pm, Golden Hill Rec Center, 2600 Golf Course Drive, San Diego, CA 92101**
- Little Italy Residents Group: June 27, 6:00pm—7:00pm, Firehouse Museum, 1572 Columbia St, San Diego, CA 92101
- Coffee with your Councilmember: June 28, 5:30pm—7:00pm, Swami's Cafe, 3707 Fifth Ave. San Diego, CA 92103 [RSVP]

For more information on any of these events, contact my office at [ChristopherWard@sandiego.gov](mailto:ChristopherWard@sandiego.gov) or (619) 236-6633.

POINT-IN-TIME COUNT DATA



4,912

Total homeless persons counted in San Diego in 2018

The City of San Diego saw a 19% decrease in unsheltered homeless individuals.

Unsheltered		
Individual	Vehicle	Hand-Built Structure/Tent
1,474	505	651
Total: 2,630		

Sheltered		
Emergency Shelter	Safe Haven	Transitional Housing
1,467	56	759
Total: 2,282		

