



Dear Community,

We continue our fight at city hall for police reform, economic opportunity for all and safe & healthy communities. Since taking office, we have reported thousands of issues – using the [Get It Done app](#) – to remedy illegal dumping, graffiti abatement, potholes, faded traffic signs and curbs; removed over 50 tons of trash from our communities; helped to amplify the messages of our small businesses with media exposure; and championed the passing of the AB 392 resolution by City Council to address police use of force standards and much more.

This month, we took steps to begin changing the conversation around police accountability with an [op-ed for the San Diego Union Tribune](#). **We addressed the counter-narrative that policymakers need to understand the life and death decisions that police officers must make. The issue is not the life and death decisions that these officers must make. The issue is the culture, training, beliefs and perceptions that some police officers have about our communities of color.**

Additionally, we made progress in our fight for an independent civilian oversight commission. During the Public Safety & Livable Neighborhoods Committee meeting this month, two ballot measure proposals were considered – one by Women Occupy San Diego and the other from City Attorney Mara Elliott.

With a great deal of hard work, tremendous community engagement and unanimous support by other committee members, the ballot measure proposed by Women Occupy San Diego is being further considered. This is another huge win for us in our fight for police reform and social justice. The four (4) key components of this proposal are:

- 1. Establish independent commission**
- 2. Establish independent counsel**
- 3. Establish investigative authority**
- 4. Establish subpoena power**

We are tackling constituent issues, working to change the narrative about our community and focusing on economic solutions to improve our overall quality of life. It takes community, courage and consistency. We are leading the charge and carrying the community's voice with us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Monica Montgomery'. The signature is fluid and stylized, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Your Voice at City Hall.



Community Choice Aggregation Joint Powers Authority Agreement & Board Appointment

The goal of Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) is to provide San Diegans with competitive rates for alternatives to San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E). A 2017 feasibility study found that the CCA will have the ability to maintain a 5% rate reduction through lower operational costs. San Diegans can opt-out of the CCA, if they so choose. In addition, the CCA will help to meet the City's 100% renewable energy goal by 2035 through these alternative energy sources, i.e. wind and solar power.

Mayor Faulconer nominated the Councilmember to have a seat on the San Diego Regional Community Choice Energy Authority Board. This important appointment allows the Councilmember to bring the community's valuable perspective to the board, along with the creation of local jobs and local renewable energy.



Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations (ED&IR) Committee

Item 1: Cannabis Equity Program | As vice chair of ED&IR, the Councilmember addressed comments mischaracterizing the Cannabis Equity Program as preferential treatment when it is actually deserving treatment. Statistics show that marijuana usage is the same but black and brown people have been disproportionately criminalized. Cannabis revenues should be spent to assist on the direct repair of communities harmed by the "war on drugs."

The Councilmember in the News

- **Response to reduced SDPD controversial field interviews:** "Public safety remains a top priority for my office, including fair and impartial policing tactics in our communities of color. The San Diego Police Department's reduced number of controversial field interviews is a step in the right direction. I consider Chief Nisleit a partner and look forward to our efforts to change the conversations around police reform and accountability."
- **Response to untested rape kits:** "Of utmost importance to me, as a person and a Councilmember, is fairness. This is why my office is doing our due diligence to get to the bottom of this issue with the rape kits. Every rape kit should be tested using best practices and the highest industry standards to ensure that victims are protected, and justice is served. I've been in constant communication with the chief of police and I'm staying updated on next steps. As a city, I'm confident that we can do better."

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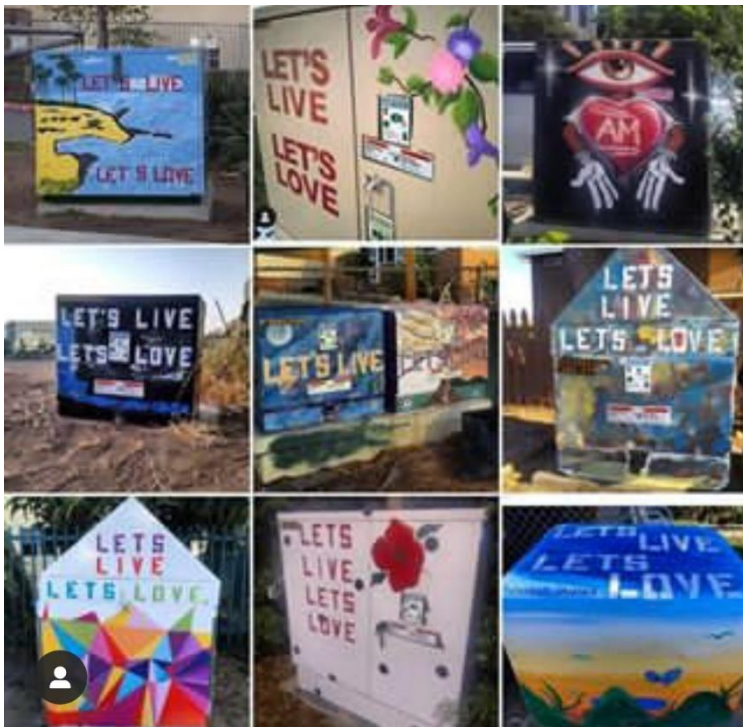
- ❖ **Government Jobs:** <https://bit.ly/2VWTQSB>
- ❖ **Clean Air Day @ First Saturdays, Saturday, October 5 from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.** 6785 Imperial Avenue, San Diego, CA 92114. The Council Office will have a booth at this event. **Mochas with Monica will be at our booth from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.** Come have a mocha and chat with the Councilmember. This is our last Mochas with Monica for this year. Please join us!
- ❖ **Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods, Wednesday, October 23 from 9 a.m. – Noon,** 202 C. Street, 12th floor, Committee Room, San Diego 92101.

For a complete list of community council meetings and events, please visit our digital platform: <https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd4/eventslisting>

Hispanic Heritage Month September 15-October 15



It is Hispanic Heritage Month. We are celebrating a heritage that's rich in traditions, language, history, achievements, music and delicious food. Please visit [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) to read our community member spotlights as we celebrate this month.



The Peace Movement: Let's Live, Let's Love

On July 22, we launched our peace initiative in response to the uptick in citywide violence. As an integral part of this movement, we began a pilot art installation project on specified SDG&E utility boxes.

The Southeast Art Team, managed by Kim Phillips-Pea, has done a tremendous job on the art installations. To see the designs, please visit the art project's [Instagram account](#).



Car Seat Safety Check

AMR's Car Seat Safety Program to Begin in Our Community

To help keep kids safe, AMR has partnered with San Diego Parks and Recreation to launch a Car Seat Safety Station.

Beginning October 9th, AMR's certified car seat safety technicians will be available on the second Wednesday of each month at the Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center from 2:30–pm–5:00pm to offer FREE car seat safety checks!

The goal is to keep kids safe by making sure they are in the right seat for their age and size. We hope you take some time to swing by the safety station.

Let's Go To Work.

Lomita Village Community Clean Up



The Council Office continues its efforts to rid our neighborhoods of conditions that impact our health and safety. Thank you to all our valued Lomita Village Community members and our very own D4 Green Team.

If you wish to find out more about community cleanups or to volunteer in these efforts, please email cd4news@sandiego.gov. When you see these conditions that impact our safety, *please report them immediately* using the Get It Done app or the website: <https://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done>.

I LOVE A CLEAN SAN DIEGO

Thank you to Paradise Gardeners and our own D4 Green Team. Over 80 volunteers participated in the "I Love A Clean San Diego" event on Paradise Valley Road.

Volunteers whitewashed graffiti, picked up trash (including over 1,800 cigarette butts), operated weed whackers, bagged weeds, disposed of dead plants, and laid down mulch.

Many thanks also to our Skyline Hills Library staff for allowing the volunteers to operate from the library.





Querida comunidad,

Continuamos nuestra lucha en el consejo municipal por la reforma policial, la oportunidad económica para todos y las comunidades seguras y saludables. Desde que asumimos el cargo, hemos reportado miles de problemas, utilizando la aplicación *Get It Done*, para remediar el basurero ilegal, el graffiti, los baches, las señales de tráfico y borde de la banqueta desvaídas; removimos más de 50 toneladas de basura en nuestras comunidades; ayudamos a amplificar los mensajes de nuestras pequeñas empresas con exposición mediática; y defendimos la aprobación de la resolución AB 392 por parte del consejo municipal para abordar el uso policial de los estándares de fuerza y mucho más.

Este mes, hicimos progresos adicionales en la reforma policial con un artículo de opinión en el *San Diego Union Tribune*. Abordamos la contra-narrativa que los encargados de formular políticas necesitan que comprender las decisiones de vida o muerte que deben tomar los policías. La cuestión no son las decisiones de vida o muerte que deben tomar estos oficiales. La cuestión es la cultura, el entrenamiento, las creencias y percepciones que algunos policías tienen sobre nuestras comunidades de color.

Adicionalmente, avanzamos en nuestra lucha por una comisión de supervisión civil independiente. Durante la reunión del Comité de Seguridad Pública y Vecindarios Habitables este mes, se consideraron las propuestas de medidas de la boleta electoral, una de Women Occupy San Diego y la otra de la Abogada de la Ciudad Mara Elliott.

Con una gran cantidad de trabajo, participación de la comunidad y un apoyo unánime a mi moción, la medida de la boleta electoral propuesta por Women Occupy San Diego se está considerando más a fondo. Los cuatro (4) componentes claves de esta propuesta:

1. Establecer comisión independiente
2. Establecer un consejo independiente
3. Establecer autoridad investigadora
4. Establecer el poder del aparcamiento

Estamos abordando cuestiones constitutivas, trabajando para cambiar la narrativa sobre nuestra comunidad y enfocando en soluciones económicas para mejorar nuestra calidad de vida. Se necesita comunidad, coraje y consistencia. Estamos liderando la carga y llevando la voz de la comunidad con nosotros.

Sinceramente,

Monica Montgomery, Concejala

Cuarto Distrito del Consejo