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Happy New Fiscal Year!

July 1st marks the beginning of the new Fiscal Year, and with it some new opportunities for our residents.

The approximately \$3.6 billion budget required the Council to close a \$81 million deficit, setting the stage for a lean budget year. The gap resulted in some budget cuts to City Departments, but overall, the effect to City services was minimal.

Thank you to those who called, emailed, and mailed our office, and to those who testified at Council hearings.

With your input, the City Council was able to adopt a balanced budget that protects vital City services, funds arts and culture programs, and puts money towards tackling our City's homeless crisis.

While cuts were made to departments, we were able to preserve the budget for Neighborhood Code Enforcement Officers, ensuring that violations within our communities are being enforced to protect our communities.

We were also able to get new funding for parks in District 9, such as Tubman Park in the College Area and Southcrest Trails Park in Southcrest.

Public safety and the homeless crisis were the two highest priorities voiced by our community. Councilmember Gómez firmly believes that a City's budget must reflect the priorities of the community, and as such, I pushed for greater support to the Police De-

partment and funding for programs to address the homelessness and housing crisis in the City. As part of the accepted budget, more funding was allocated to the Police Department for overtime and improved police recruitment and retention efforts.

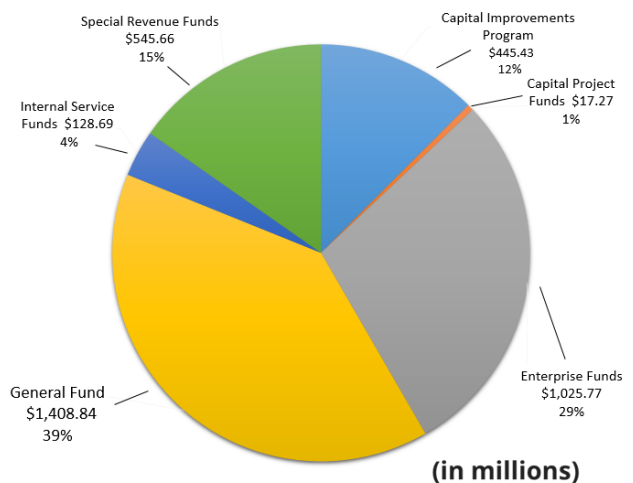
In addition, close to \$10 million was allocated for the City's homelessness efforts, including a centralized homeless services center and increased support by the Homeless Outreach Team.

To view the 2018 budget please visit www.sandiego.gov/fm.

"City Budget Should Reflect the Priorities of All San Diegans"

In the meantime, should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office at (619) 236-6699 or emailing georgettegomez@sandiego.gov.

Citywide Proposed Budget \$3.57 Billion



Bringing Business to the District

By Keryna Johnson

A few months ago, our office attended the College Area Business District's "Vision of the Future Tour" hosted by Civic San Diego and the College Area Business District. This tour of the College Area Business District was planned to inspire new businesses to locate in the area, and to entice new development.

The tour included many properties between 54th and 73rd Streets along El Cajon Blvd, then continued up along College and Montezuma. During the tour we visited some of the recently completed property developments (e.g. South Campus Plaza), sites under development (e.g. 5030 College Avenue) as well as potential sites available for development within the College Area.

The College Area, anchored by San Diego State University, has the potential to increase in prominence as a great example of smart, walkable, mixed-use design. The University is on the rise nationally as a leader in engineering, entrepreneurship and innovation, and area has the potential to better serve students, faculty, and staff while also serving the community residents.

We're excited about what the future holds!



Budget Town Hall

By Emiliano Nuñez



Councilmember Georgette Gómez, along with Independent Budget Analyst, Andrea Tevlin, provided a space for residents to voice their priorities about the Mayor's proposed budget and related City issues.

The Town Hall was held at Hoover High School and had about one hundred people in attendance.

The most popular topics of the night included preserving funding for the arts, new police chief recruitment, and ensuring that our streets are made safe and

walkable for all.

One resident explained how arts and culture can have a very meaningful impact on people. The resident recounted his 35 year career thanks to programs like those funded by Penny for the Arts. He further stressed the importance of "Framing San Diego as an arts & culture destination is undermined with the proposed budget cuts."



Other community members voiced their concerns about the current infrastructure needs particularly along El Cajon Blvd.



The Councilwoman highlighted that she wants to create a community where people have the availability to bike and walk around their neighborhood safely.

Councilmember Gómez concluded with emphasizing that she encourages more

people to voice their priorities and concerns, as she hopes to build a partnership with the community that will help address critical issues moving forward. She also plans to hold more community engagement events within the district to keep providing people the opportunity to have a voice.

D9 Highlight: Gloria Cruz

Gloria Cruz is the representative to the communities of Chollas Creek, Fairmount Park, Islenair, Mt. Hope, Mountain View, Ridgeview, Southcrest, and Swan Canyon.

Born in Michoacán, Mexico and raised in Los Angeles, Gloria has lived in San Diego for 12 years. An alumni of San Diego State University, Gloria earned her B.A. in Political Science.

After graduating, Gloria worked for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), focusing on immigrant and refugee rights, as well as criminal justice reform issues.

On her free time, Gloria enjoys being out at the beach or in nature. She is passionate for social justice and loves working for the community.

Gloria is always available at gcardenas@san Diego.gov or at our office, (619) 236-6699.



San Diego Pride

While June is Pride Month, July is when San Diego celebrates Pride, an annual event dedicated to celebrating the progress made by those in the LGBTQ community.

As the first queer Chicana on the San Diego City Council, it is an honor and a privilege to serve you.



Join us in the parade, Saturday, July 15th at 11 a.m. Our contingent will meet at 10:30 a.m. by the Hillcrest DMV, 3960 Normal St, San Diego, CA 92103. To RSVP or if you have any questions, please contact Roberto C. Torres at (619) 533-4774 or email him at robertot@san Diego.gov.

Your Voice Is Needed!

There are numerous City Boards and Commissions that serve as advisory boards for the City. Many go unfilled and have vacancies.

Check out a list of boards and commissions at www.sandiego.gov/cd9

For more information, contact Roberto Torres at (619) 533-4774 or email him at robertot@san Diego.gov.



Important Votes

Every week, the City Council takes actions on matters that affect all of San Diego. Our office would like to update you on a few of those.

The Transit Occupancy Tax (TOT) increase proposal for expansion of the Convention Center was taken up by the City Council on June 12th. Mayor Kevin Faulconer presented his proposal to increase the TOT for the expansion and maintenance of the Convention Center, and devoting 18% for infrastructure improvements and another 18% for the City's homeless outreach efforts.

The City Council, and Councilmember Gómez, voted against the proposal due to the lack of attention given to the needs in addressing the homeless crisis within the City.

Another major vote taken by the Council was pertaining to the SoccerCity Initiative. This citizen initiative is a proposed development of the current Qualcomm Stadium site. The City Council was faced with a choice to place the initiative on the ballot or accept the proposal outright. The City Council voted to place the initiative on the November 2018 ballot, per the Measure L mandate that all initiative be voted on in the next general election.

These were just two of the many votes taken by Councilmember Gómez on issues affecting you. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter or check out our website for up to date information. Our website is www.sandiego.gov/cd9.

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Upcoming Events:

- **Office Hours Every Friday** 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the City Heights Recreation Center, 4380 Landis St.
- **SANDAG Monroe Bikeway Proposal Presentation**, Wednesday, July 12, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the YMCA, 4300 El Cajon Blvd.
- **San Diego Pride Parade**, Saturday, July 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. starting near the Hillcrest DMV, 3960 Normal St, San Diego, CA 92103. For more information, visit www.sdpride.org
- **Neighborhood Food & Art Festival**, Saturday, July 22 from 10 a.m. to Dusk at the Mt. Hope Community Garden - 4261 Market St.
- **Special Meeting on Housing Affordability** will be held July 24th at 2pm by the City Council to address the City's Housing Affordability crisis. Meeting will be held at the Council Chambers, 202 C. Street 92101
- **African Culture Fest**, Saturday, July 29 from 3 to 8 p.m. at the City Heights Performance Annex - 3795 Fairmount Ave.

Internship/Mentorship Opportunities!

San Diego Summer Mentorship Program is accepting applications from high school and college students. More at www.sandiego.gov/volunteer-program



Office of Councilmember Georgette Gómez, District 9

District 9 Office Hours

The Office of Council District 9 will hold office hours weekly:

Every Friday
10am to 1:30pm
City Heights Rec Center
4380 Landis St.

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