

The Get It Done App is the official app for reporting non-emergency problems to the City of San Diego. App users can report problems like flooding, graffiti, potholes, illegal dumping, waste, and connect directly to the City's casework tracking system.

Take a photo and upload it from home or while still nearby. Get It Done will automatically update the problem report with information about where the photo was taken.

Visit https://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done to download the app or visit the application store on your smart phone and participate in making your San Diego neighborhood a better place!





On June 18th, the San Diego City Council unanimously approved a plan that will maintain 90 acres of open space on Fiesta Island for off-leash use. This was approved as part of the Fiesta Island Plan Amendment to the Mission Bay Master Plan and finally provides a permanent off-leash park for San Diegans to enjoy.

With the approval of this plan, known as Option B, we will have access to leash free swimming and improved trails for dogs. In we are preserving open space for 800,000 dogs in San Diego County and their responsible owners. A larger dog park at Fiesta Island keeps our pets safe and secure while preserving the public access to the Bay.

# CITYWIDE FY 2020 Budget

On Thursday, June 20th Mayor Faulconer signed the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget which includes amendments from the City Council to increase investments in city services and projects to improve our neighborhoods. This is an impressive plan that align our most pressing issues, prioritizes longstanding community projects, and builds a foundation for an equitable, sustainable future. The panels below represent a few of the programs and services that were prioritized by the City Council.

#### CLIMATE RESILIENCY STUDY

Funding to identify San Diego's vulnerability to climate change and increases our city's capacity to adapt.

## **CITYWIDE ARBORIST**

A dedicated position working on increasing urban canopy cover in San Diego and meeting our climate action goals.

#### **BRUSH ABATEMENT**

\$1.8 Million for citywide brush the surrounding environment.

#### **CHILDCARE** COORDINATOR

A dedicated position increasing the accessibility of child care facilities and services for city employees and the City of San Diego.

abatement services to remove the dense vegetation of canyons, reducing the risk of fire & damage to

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

The creation of two additional code enforcement positions to protect the public from a variety of health and safety violations.

#### LIBRARY FUNDING

\$200,000 for technology updates to help secure critical and much enjoyed community library services across the City of San Diego. \$500,000 for the Ocean Beach Library.



Councilmember Ward and his team spent some time with the seniors at the Gary and Mary West Senior Wellness Center! After hosting a forum to answer senior-related auestions. District Three volunteered to stay and serve lunch to these senior residents.



Councilmember Ward joined I Love

A Clean San Diego and city staff at

North Park Nursery to discuss Zero

Waste goals in the home. Residents

were taught the basics of a zero-

sustainability efforts to the next

waste lifestyle and took their



Scoop San Diego hosted its annual festival in North Park in June! Councilmember Ward attended with his family and residents to enjoy some ice cream and the neighborhood.



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# **DEAR NEIGHBOR:**

Over the last two years, I have been focused on finding collaborative, innovative solutions to provide services to address thousands of San Diegans suffering from chronic homelessness. One solution that has been incredibly successful is the Family Reunification Program, operated by the Downtown San Diego Partnership. Designed to reconnect homeless individuals with their families across the country, the program empowers individuals to rebuild the personal support systems crucial to ending their homelessness. This program has reconnected and helped more than 2,000 people in the downtown area, and continues to serve our most vulnerable San Diegans.

At my urging, the City of San Diego and the Regional Task Force on the Homeless (RTFH) are partnering to provide state Homeless Emergency Aid Program (or HEAP) funding to expand the Family Reunification Program. These targeted dollars will allow the Partnership to expand this program to help homeless San Diegans in Balboa Park, Uptown, Golden Hill and Barrio Logan.

The San Diego Region has received over \$33 million in state HEAP funding for homelessness solutions. This funding is critical to expanding services and creating additional opportunities for the 8,000 San Diegans throughout the county struggling with homelessness. As of July 1st, HEAP funding is flowing to programs that will expand our homeless outreach efforts, improve the range and depth of homeless services, and implement new strategies to move homeless San Diegans off the streets and into housing.

#### COUNCILMEMBER CHRIS WARD SERVES ON THE FOLLOWING:

Chair, Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations Chair, Regional Task Force on the Homeless

Vice-Chair, Committee on Active Transportation & Infrastructure

Vice-Chair, Committee on Land Use & Housing

Member, Rules Committee



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Member, SANDAG Regional Planning Committee Alternate Member, California Coastal Commission Member, MTS Board of Directors

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But we're going further. As Chair of the RTFH, I recently introduced an outreach policy for the unsheltered population that prioritizes collaboration among providers and deeper engagement with the clients they are serving. The policy is currently undergoing a 90-day public review with full adoption anticipated for September of this year. This new outreach policy combined with the additional outreach teams that we are now funding with state money will bring, targeted services to help more individuals and provide relief to more neighborhoods throughout the city.

The City of San Diego, along with the San Diego Housing Commission, is also funding a program operated by the City Attorney's Office to assist San Diegans struggling with drug addiction. Prosecution and Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Services (PLEADS) is a voluntary, pre-booking diversion pathway that allows individuals suspected of being under the influence of a controlled substance to avoid prosecution and jailtime by agreeing to seek support. At my urging, we doubled the City's investment in this program this year, making treatment more accessible, breaking the cycle of criminalization and addiction, and improving our city's overall safety.

Regionally, I am committed to working with elected officials and community stakeholders to tackle issues that impact the entire county. The City of San Diego and County just announced a partnership to increase staffing and capabilities for the Resource Access Program (RAP). This program successfully connects frequent 911 callers to the assistance they need and reduces the strain on our region's emergency response system. I've been asking for increasing RAP resources since I took office and have included it as a budget priority since 2017, and I'm glad to see that an expansion in now underway. That partnership with the County is continuing to grow. I recently stood with Supervisor Nathan Fletcher asking the County to invest in recuperative care services region-wide and allow homeless San Diegans an opportunity to receive medical treatment beyond a visit to the emergency room. San Diego's lack of adequate inpatient services represents a significant gap in our system, with 35% of our region's unsheltered population in their mid-50's and up and struggling with debilitating, chronic health conditions.

These are only a few of our recent successes in our work to end our chronic homelessness crisis. Visit my city website to see all the policy and community specific accomplishments we have achieved together at www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd3.



# Out In The Community

#### Saturday, July 6th

North Park Bird Park Concerts: Upas St & 28th St at 5PM

**Opening Night- Rock of** Ages: 4040 Twiggs St at 9PM

#### Friday, July 12th

Spirit of Stonewall Rally: Hillcrest Pride Flag at 6PM

## Sunday, July 14th

Senior Sunday at the Pride Festival: Balboa Park at 11AM

## Tuesday, July 23rd

Elevate SD 2020 Community Forum: MTS Office, Trolley Plaza at 5:30PM

# Neighborhood FY 2020 Budget

#### **BALBOA PARK IMPROVEMENTS & PLANNING**

\$300,000 for a project Master plan; \$3,500,000 for Facility maintenance; \$4,300,000 for restroom improvements at the Organ Pavilion, Casa del Prado Theater, Morley Field and the South Palisades; \$1,200,000 for the Palisades Project.



#### **TROLLEY BARN PARK**

Funding for the planning and design of restrooms at this University Heights neighborhood park, which hosts community events year-round.

#### DOWNTOWN PARK RANGER

A dedicated downtown ranger serving the Core, Marina, Gaslamp Quarter, Little Italy, East Village, and Cortez Hill neighborhoods.

#### WARD CANYON PARK

Funding secured to complete the second phase of the Ward Canyon Park General Development Plan, which calls for a community garden, a new park building for staff, and a gateway on the Northeastern corner of the park.



A collaboration between The Boulevard BIA, MTS, City staff and SANDAG will bring a dedicated transit (bus-only) lane to El Cajon Blvd from Park Blvd to Fairmont. This pilot program is aimed at improving transit speeds and ridership on the 10,000 daily rides along the Boulevard.

#### NORTH PARK MINI-PARK

After years of anticipation, the North Park Mini-Park will be breaking ground this year and will open in late 2020

