Standing in the Skyline Hills Community with Mayor Faulconer, my Council Colleagues, and city staff, we announced some good budget news for San Diego, in particular my district. In my 2016 budget priorities memo, I laid out that we need to invest now in our historically underserved communities. My budget priorities memo laid out community-oriented policing needs, the need for fire stations in my district, and the need for park upgrades. We need to address our aging and crumbling infrastructure. I want to highlight a few things in this budget that will help our communities:

- Continuing the Encanto Rapid Response Squad which has reduced emergency response time in the Encanto Community.
- Funding to staff the new Skyline Hills temporary fire station. If you’re having an emergency, you don’t want to wait unnecessarily for the aid of our first responders.
- Code Enforcement Officers to close illegal marijuana clinics that have been observed catering to youth.
- Improvements to previously neglected parks like Skyline, Lomita, Marie Widman and Encanto Community Park.
- Select Park & Recreation centers will have extended hours of operation. We need our youth to have a safe place to enjoy after school activities.
- In addition, we’re making progress toward getting our much-needed sidewalks on Market Street.
- Lastly, this budget funds the new agreement with the Police Officers Association, helping to solve the recruitment and retention crisis.

This proposed budget will help to revitalize our neighborhoods. I know that we have a lot of work to do to ensure that our neighborhoods are safe and livable. Every community deserves to have the basic necessities to help the residents not just merely survive but to thrive. Fourth Council District residents are encouraged to attend upcoming budget hearings that will be held May 4th - May 8th with an evening meeting on Monday, May 11, 2015. For the complete budget hearings calendar, please visit this link:
**Waste No Water** | Governor Brown issued an executive order to reduce water usage by 25 percent statewide. The City of San Diego will reduce outdoor irrigation, offer rebates, and issue fines to stop water waste. You may notice some browning of landscapes during these strict water conservation measures. Don’t be alarmed. To learn more about water conservation rebates and services, please visit: [www.wastenowater.org](http://www.wastenowater.org)

**“It Must be in the Water Day: the Story of Four Heisman Trophy Winners from Southeastern San Diego”** | You are invited to attend the proclamation presentation in Council chambers on **Tuesday, April 21st at 10 a.m.** A historical four Heisman Trophy Award winners have emerged from Southeastern San Diego and their journey is featured in the “It Must Be in the Water” documentary. The Heisman Trophy Award winners from Southeastern San Diego are: Marcus Lamar Allen, the winner in 1981; Rashaan Salaam, the winner in 1994; Ricky Williams, the winner in 1998; and, although subsequently returned, Reggie Bush, the winner in 2005. The “It Must be in the Water” documentary has chronicled the journey of these outstanding athletes and the filmmaker’s pursuit of a historical designation for Southeastern San Diego.

**Holly Drive Sidewalk Project Ribbon Cutting** | Join us as we celebrate. **Monday, April 27th at 10:30 a.m.** The intersection of Holly Drive at Willie James Jones Avenue. **Save the Date: Holly Drive Day of Service and Block Party on Saturday, May 2, 2015.** More details to come.

**Thank you, Councilmember Cole:** In this section, our constituents acknowledge the way Councilmember Cole is getting things done! Here’s what they had to say:

  - “Dear Councilmember Myrtle Cole, we appreciate all the hard and honest work that you do for the people of San Diego! Keep up the good work!” - JoAnn Hooks
  - “Thank you so very much.” - Dorothy L. W. Smith, Common Ground Theatre
  - “Councilmember Cole has kept her word. Many made promises to this district but she has delivered. She’s doing a good job.” - Robert L. Haynes, Sr., Volunteer Ombudsman

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**Photo Gallery**

**Behind the Scenes:** The San Diego Housing Federation recognizes Councilmember Cole’s leadership on shepherding the linkage fee which hadn’t been updated in 18 years. She is shown here making her ‘thank you’ video. **The 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Ruby Awards is scheduled for April 24, 2015. Good job, Councilmember Cole!**

**Farewell to Elizabeth Lopez-Sandoval, Communications and Policy Fellow:** We wanted to take a moment to acknowledge the many contributions of our bilingual intern. Councilmember Cole presented a Special Commendation to Elizabeth at a recent staff luncheon. Elizabeth will be relocating to the Washington, D.C. area to pursue her graduate studies. Thank you for your faithful service to the constituents, Elizabeth.
Upcoming City Council, Committee and Outside Organization Committee Meetings
Councilmember Cole in Action!

- April 16:
  - MTS Board Meeting | 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | James R. Mills Building. 1255 Imperial Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101.
  - Reinvestment Task Force Committee | 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | County Administrative Building. 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101.
  - Martin Luther King Rec. Council | Noon – 1:00 p.m. | MLK Recreation Center. 6401 Skyline Drive, San Diego, CA 92114 | Community Representative: Mathew Gordon, gordonm@sandiego.gov.

- April 17:
  - SANDAG Public Safety Committee | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | SANDAG Board Room. 401 B Street, 7th Floor, San Diego, CA 92101.

- April 21:
  - San Diego City Council Meeting | 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. | City Administration Building. 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101.

Upcoming Community Meetings

- April 15:
  - Knox Town Council | 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | Knox Town Council | Knox Elementary. 1098 S. 49th Street, San Diego, CA 92113 | Community Representative: Mathew Gordon, gordonm@sandiego.gov.
  - Paradise Hills Village Council | 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. | St. Timothy Church. 2602 Reo Drive, San Diego, CA 92139 | Community Representative: Luis Natividad, lnatividad@sandiego.gov.

- April 16:
  - Lomita Village Town Council | 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. | Skyline Park & Recreation Center. 8285 Skyline Drive, San Diego, CA 92114 | Community Representative: Luis Natividad, lnatividad@sandiego.gov
  - Webster Community Council | 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. | Webster Elementary School. 4801 Elm Street, San Diego, CA 92102 | Community Representative: Mathew Gordon, gordonm@sandiego.gov.

- April 22:
  - Encanto Community Recreation Council | 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. | Encanto Recreation Center. 6508 Wunderlin Drive, San Diego, CA 92114 | Community Representative: Mathew Gordon, gordonm@sandiego.gov.

Calendar of Events

- MK Asante in San Diego | Wednesday, April 15 | 6:00 p.m. Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation. 404 Euclid Ave. San Diego. CA 92114 | FREE EVENT. Bestselling author of “Buck” award-winning filmmaker, hip hop artist. Asante is “a master storyteller and a major creative force.”
- 15th Annual Youth Explosion “Who Am I? My True Identity” | April 15-17 | 7:00 p.m. | Mt. Olive Church of God in Christ. 4907 A Street, San Diego, CA 92102 | Changing the heart, mind and soul of our youth through a fresh word, life worship and creative arts.
- Connect2Compete eligibility for affordable internet and computer | Saturday, April 18 | 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Copley-Price Family YMCA 4300 El Cajon Blvd. San Diego, CA 92105 | Does your family need a computer and Internet service at home? Check your eligibility for affordable Cox High Speed Internet and a refurbished desktop Computer. For more information contact 619.549.0014.
- Webster Neighborhood Cleanup Saturday Sweep! | Saturday, April 18 | 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Meet in front of the Webster Elementary School | A Healthy and clean Webster starts with YOU! Refreshments will be served for volunteers. For more information please call: 619.823.9900.
Orgullosamente Representando:
Alta Vista, Broadway Heights, Chollas View, Emerald Hills, Encanto, Greater Skyline Hills, Jamacha, Lincoln Park, Lomita Village, North Bay Terraces, Oak Park, O'Farrell, Paradise Hills, Redwood Village, Rolando Park, South Bay Terraces, Valencia Park, Webster

El Mensaje de Myrtle

Frente a la Comunidad de Skyline Hills con el Alcalde Faulconer, mis Colegas del Consejo y personal de la ciudad, anunciamos una buena noticia del presupuesto para San Diego, en particular mis comunidades. En la memorándum de prioridades del presupuesto 2016, expuse que necesitamos invertir a nuestras comunidades históricas que están desatendidas. Mi memorándum de prioridades del presupuesto expuso necesidades policiacas orientadas por la comunidad, la necesidad de estaciones de bomberos en mi distrito, y la necesidad de actualizar los parques. Tenemos que dirigirnos a nuestra infraestructura que se están desvaneciendo y deteriorando. Quiero recalcar algunas cosas en este presupuesto que ayudara a nuestra comunidad:

✓ La Continuación del Escuadrón de Respuesta Rápida de Encanto la cual ha reducido el tiempo de respuesta de emergencia en la Comunidad de Encanto.
✓ La financiación para el personal de la nueva estación temporal de bomberos en Skyline Hills. Si tiene una emergencia, usted no quiere esperar innecesariamente por la ayuda de nuestros socorristas.
✓ Oficiales de Code Enforcement para cerrar las clínicas ilegales de marihuana la cual se ha observado satisfaciendo a la juventud.
✓ La mejora a parques previamente desatendidos, como Skyline, Lomita, Marie Widman y Encanto Community Park.
✓ Se seleccionaran algunos Parques y Centros de Recreación y se ampliaran las horas de operación. Necesitamos que nuestros jóvenes tengan un lugar seguro para divertirse después de las actividades escolares.
✓ Además, estamos haciendo progresos hacia la obtención de las banquetas necesarias en la Calle Market.
✓ Finalmente, este presupuesto financia el nuevo acuerdo con la Asociación de Oficiales de Policía ayudando a resolver la crisis de reclutamiento y retención.

Este proyecto de presupuesto ayudará a revitalizar nuestros vecindarios. Sé que tenemos mucho trabajo por hacer para asegurar que nuestros vecindarios sean seguros y habitables. Cada comunidad merece tener las necesidades básicas para ayudar a los residentes no sólo para sobrevivir sino para prosperar. Se le recomienda a los residentes del Cuarto Distrito a asistir a las próximas audiencias del presupuesto que se llevarán a cabo del 4 al 8 de mayo con una reunión por la tarde del día lunes, 11 de mayo del 2015. Para el Calendario completo de audiencias del presupuesto, por favor visite este enlace:  
More Fourth District Events & Meetings

- **The 2015 Congressional Art Competition** | Monday, April 20 | 5:30 p.m. | High School students throughout the 53rd Congressional District are encouraged to submit artwork for the 2015 Congressional Art Competition. The winning student will receive scholarship opportunities and a two round-trip airfare tickets to travel to Washington, DC. For more information visit: https://susandavis.house.gov/services/art-competition.

- **FREE Fair Housing Training for Housing Providers** | Friday, April 24 | 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | San Diego Central Library. 300 Park Blvd. San Diego, CA 92101 | Update your fair housing knowledge with the Fairs Housing Center of the Legal Aid Society of San Diego. For more information call: 844.449.3500.

- **FREE NEW BOOKS FOR KIDS! Children’s Book Party 2015** | Saturday, April 25 | 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Organ Pavilion. Balboa Park | Reading Literacy Learning, Inc. presents the 31th Annual Children’s Book Party 2015.

- **All-American Soap Box Derby** | Saturday, April 25 | 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Skyline Drive, between 61st Street and O'Meara Street | Free Weekly Workshops available before the race, for more information please call 619.239.2208.

- **County of San Diego Air Pollution Control District 16th Annual Lawnmower Trade-in Event** | Saturday, May 9 | 8:00 a.m. – Noon | Qualcomm Stadium. 9449 Friars Road, San Diego CA 92108. | For more information visit: www.sdapcd.org/homepage/2015_Lawnmower.pdf

- **Multicultural World Music and Dance Festival** | Saturday, May 9 | 11:00 a.m. | Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation. 404 Euclid Ave. San Diego. CA 92114 | The Center for World Music presents a traditional music and dance performances of Africa, Asia, and Latin America. For more information visit: www.centerforworldmusic.org.

- **Youth Conference** | May 14th – May 16th | St. Stephens Cathedral and Faith Chapel. To learn more, please visit: www.wrycogic.org

- **Webster Neighborhood Cleanup Saturday Sweep! And 11th Annual Community Spring Fest** | Saturday, May 16 | 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Meet in front of the Webster Elementary School | Please join us for a variety of events for children and adults of all ages. A Healthy and clean Webster starts with YOU! Refreshments will be served for volunteers. For more information please call: 619.823.9900.

- **Culinary Fusion Festival** | Saturday, May 16 | 10:00 a.m. | Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation. 404 Euclid Ave. San Diego. CA 92114 | San Diego Asian Pacific Islander Community Health Network presents demonstrations by 13 local Asian Pacific Islander restaurants, music and much more. For more information visit: www.coperationsamahan.org.

- **MLK Jr. Community Choir presents “All’bout the blues”** | Saturday, May 16 | 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.| Joan Kroc Center Theatre. 6611 University Avenue San Diego, CA 92115 | Captivating many genres of music such as jazz, blues, classic soil, soft rock and a hint of gospel. For more information call: 619.475.5388.

- **Apprenticeship Information Career Fair | Assemblymember Shirley Weber and the San Diego County Building Trades Council, AFL-CIO.** | Saturday, May 30, 2015 | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Jacob’s Center Main Exhibit Hall, 404 Euclid Avenue. For information or to RSVP, please contact Lee Hernandez at (619) 531-7913, lee.hernandez@asm.ca.gov

- **Shock’N the Park** | Sunday, June 7 | 1:30 p.m. | Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation. 404 Euclid Ave. San Diego. CA 92114 | Hip-Hop, break and street dance performances by Culture Shock Dance Troupe. For more information visit: www.cultureshockdance.org/Sandiego.

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