

Important City Numbers

Non-Police Emergency

San Diego Police Department
619.531.2000

Street Light Repair

Transportation Department
619.527.8000

Missed Trash Pick-up

Environmental Services—858.694.7000

Pot Holes

Streets Division—619.537.7500

Abandoned Vehicles

Abandon Vehicle Abatement
858.495.7856

Abandoned Trash or Debris

Environmental Services Code Compliance—858.694.7000

Graffiti Removal

Graffiti Control Hotline—619.525.8522

Dead Animal Pick-Up

Cal-Trans (freeways and off ramps)
619.688.6670

Environmental Services (Streets, Alley,
Sidewalks)—858.694.7000

Abandoned Shopping Carts

Environmental Services—858.694.7000

Any Issue Not Listed

Office of Councilmember David Alvarez—
619.236.6688



Councilmember David Alvarez

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Growing up in San Diego, I was told about and believed in the vision of the future promised to us by past generations. Unfortunately, the City Council has gradually moved us further and further away from this vision and “America’s Finest City” is slipping through the cracks. As we drive through our neighborhoods, it is easy to see that years of neglect have left our city streets crumbling beneath our feet, our streetlights dark at night, and our neighborhoods less safe.

“America’s Finest City is crumbling beneath our feet”

Over the last 11 months, I have made it one of my office’s priorities to work with you to address the aging infrastructure in our neighborhoods. My office has worked with the City to address the concerns of hundreds of constituents across District 8. We assisted

residents with issues ranging from repairing streets, sidewalks, and streetlights, to facilitating development plans for Commercial & 22nd, bringing streetlights to Stockton, and working to build a new library in San Ysidro. In addition to these efforts, the city announced plans to repave Del Sol Blvd and Picador Ave. This is excellent news for these two communities but large scale repairs of our city’s infrastructure need to happen more quickly.

In the next 12 months, it is my goal to help even more constituents across District 8 address concerns they have with the City. If you have concerns about crumbling infrastructure in your neighborhood, please contact my office at (619) 236-6688 or davidalvarez@sandiego.gov and let me know about it.

Challenging the Rate Increases

There are many amazing benefits about living in San Diego. We get to experience almost 365 days of warmth, sun, and beautiful blue skies. Unfortunately, the dark side of this benefit is an arid climate that leaves San Diego lacking enough local fresh water to support our current population, which results in the city importing water at a high cost. Over the last year, Councilmember Alvarez has worked on and supported a number of alternative options for water in the City of San Diego including increased water conservation efforts and increased water recycling. However, a large reason



for an increase in the cost of water to city residents is how the water is transported to the City. Roughly 90% of the City's water supply is provided by the San Diego County Water Authority (CWA) which buys most of their water from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD). This has left the City susceptible to a 75% increase in the cost of water provided by the MWD. Recently the CWA asked the City to join them in taking legal action against MWD

because CWA believes that MWD set rates that overstate the cost of transporting water. This has left San Diego County ratepayers to subsidizing the delivery of water other southern California municipality serviced by MWD to the tune of tens of millions of dollars every year. If left unchallenged, these illegal overcharges will cost CWA ratepayers \$31 million in 2011 and as much as \$230 million annually by 2021, while providing cost savings to each of the 25 other member agencies of MWD.

San Diego's Natural Resources and Culture Committee Chairman Alvarez voted to support the City joining CWA's lawsuit against MWD and the issue passed committee unanimously. This issue is expected to be taken up by the City Council in early November.

Most Interesting Constituent in District 8



Raquel Moran has been known for decades as a dedicated community volunteer in San Ysidro. Besides being a local resident and business owner, Ms. Moran

is a founding member and current board member of Hearts & Hands and sits on the boards of the San Ysidro Community Planning Group and San Ysidro Recreation Council. She passionately advocates for helping the needy, ensuring San Ysidro receives its fair share of public services, advocating for public safety, and providing quality education and recreation services for the area's youth.

Ms. Moran is best known for her dedication to mission of Hearts & Hands, a San Ysidro non-profit organization dedicated to helping the needy. Hearts & Hands holds a monthly food distribution, provides low-cost shoes to families on an as-needed basis, and provides emergency food distribution every day of the week. Ms. Moran's dedication to helping her community and neighbors is something every member of our community should strive to emulate.

District Eight >>>

San Ysidro Community Plan Update

The San Ysidro Community Plan Advisory Committee recently held an open house to review the community plan update process. Community plans set standards for planning and development, offer opportunities to fix incompatible land uses, and shed light on both strengths and weaknesses within the community. San Ysidro priorities focus on mobility, infrastructure investment, and environmental health.



As the community is fragmented by two freeways and rail lines, prioritizing mobility could result in San Ysidro becoming a highly pedestrian and transit-oriented community. Infrastructure investment such as improved street, new and accessible sidewalks and lighting, as well as a new library and community parks are currently planned. Additional considerations have been given to facilities such as pedestrian bridges, bike paths, and an extensive trail network linking schools and public areas to make San Ysidro more pedestrian oriented.

This process is open and available to anyone that is willing to participate. Councilmember Alvarez highly encourages members of the San Ysidro Community to participate in the process. Members of the San Ysidro community should determine the future of San Ysidro. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm at Willow School's Multipurpose Room.

San Ysidro >>>

Small Changes Preserve Health and Safety



Earlier this year, Councilmember Alvarez was approached by residents of San Ysidro with concerns over the expansion of the San Ysidro Freight Rail Yard. The railyard sits above the trolley station near the international border and the proposed expansion called for trucks to enter the facility via a new driveway located just yards from Beyer Elementary School. This meant families trying to drop off and pick up their children at school would be forced to navigate the dangers associated with large commercial trucks carrying heavy loads on this small two-lane road. Additionally, this new driveway would also negatively affect the overall educational environment at the nearby school by creating both increased noise and air pollution.

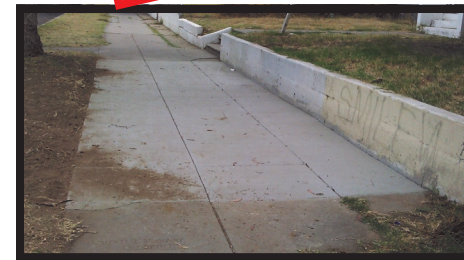
Councilmember Alvarez requested that SANDAG, the agency responsible for designing the project, reconsider using that location as an entry point and instead use an existing driveway located in a more commercial area. As a result of further analysis, SANDAG agreed to adapt the design of the railyard, taking commercial trucks away from the school. This is an excellent example of inter-governmental agencies working together to ultimately ensure the overall health and safety of our community.

Logan Heights >>>

Sidewalk on Kearny Ave....



The residents on Kearny Avenue in Logan Heights have requested to have a segment on 2200 block of Kearny Avenue fixed for the past three years. This sidewalk has plagued the neighborhood, resulting in a number of elderly residents tripping and falling. In addition, some were unable to even use the sidewalk, including a disabled woman. At the request of residents in Logan Heights, members of the Neighborhood Council, conveyed the severity of the damage of the sidewalk and why it was so critical to have it fixed to the city in the past to no avail.



After being notified earlier this year, our office requested this sidewalk be repaired and in July, the City finally provided the residents of Kearny Ave. with a brand new sidewalk.

Upcoming Events>>>

11/11/11
Veterans Day - Office Closed
Sherman Heights office hours cancelled

11/17/11
Otay Mesa Office Hours
Robert-Egger Recreation Center-Teen Center
1:30PM-4:30PM

11/19/11
Recycling event—oil, oil filters, car batteries, and antifreeze
Southwest High School
9AM-1PM

11/24/11—11/25/11
Thanksgiving Holiday - Office Closed

12/1/11
Neighborhood Town Hall Meeting
Sherman Heights Community Center
6PM-7:30PM

12/2/11
San Ysidro Office Hours
San Ysidro Community Service Center
10AM-1PM

12/10/11
Recycling event—oil, oil filters, car batteries, and antifreeze
Balboa Park on the corner of Presidents Way and Park Blvd.
9AM-1PM

12/10/11
8th Annual Winter Wonderland Snow Day
Montgomery-Waller Recreation Center
8:30AM-2:00PM

