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COUNCILMEMBER EMERALD JOINS OCEAN DISCOVERY INSTITUTE IN RESTORING LOCAL HABITAT

- When:** Saturday, April 27, 11:30am
- Where:** Swan Canyon in City Heights, located behind Hamilton Elementary School, 2807 Fairmount Avenue, San Diego CA 92105
- What:** Youth-led habitat restoration event to transform the canyons into safe and healthy places. Opportunity to learn about the watershed and participate in guided tours. The event is a site of the larger Creek to Bay effort.
- Who:** Councilmember Marti Emerald, Ninth District
Ocean Discovery Institute volunteers, community leaders
Corporate Groups: SDG&E (*Event Sponsor*), Ralphs/Food 4 Less Foundation, KYXY Radio Station, & PETCO
Partners: Kiwanis, US Fish and Wildlife, RECON, Environmental, Inc., San Diego Canyonlands, Canyons and Communities Alliance, Azalea Park Neighborhood Association, San Diego Parks & Recreation, Urban Corp
- Why:** Over the last five years, City Heights' community members have been taking back their degraded canyons and transforming them into safe and healthy environments. For decades these canyons were neglected and used as dumping grounds and the urban natural interface posed safety risks for residents. This restoration project is led by Ocean Discovery Institute.

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