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Council District 1



THE BRY BULLETIN

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City Council Comes to Impasse on Short-Term Rental Regulations



Although the City Council came to an impasse on short-term rental regulations on December 12th, I was inspired by everyone who came down to testify and share their stories. The message that we need to put housing for San Diegans first came across loud and clear. I thank my colleagues City Councilmember Lorie Zapf, Council President Myrtle Cole, and Councilmember Georgette Gómez for standing with me. My attempts at compromise were not made in vain, and I am hopeful for what we can accomplish in tackling this issue in the new year. I remain steadfast in my commitment to protecting housing for San Diego families.

Update on UTC Commuter Traffic

On October 26th, our office hosted a Commuter Roundtable at BIOCOM. We met with more than a dozen of the area's major employers, such as Illumina and UCSD Health, to discuss the transportation needs of the UTC/Torrey Pines area--the largest employment center in the region. By fostering public-private partnerships, we can provide more transportation options to make commutes easier for working San Diegans.



The following action items emerged from the roundtable conversation:

- Employers will work in partnership with MTS toward a reliable shuttle network that would connect commuters to public transit systems, including the trolley when it is completed in 2021.
- Employers will promote SANDAG's Transit Demand Management Program—icommute—to their employees.
- Employers will provide incentives for employees who use alternative modes of transportation such as bus routes, Waze Carpool, uberPOOL, and Lyft Line.

Our office will continue to meet with and support these companies in their efforts to get commuters get out of single occupancy vehicles.

Championing Government Transparency

It's common sense and good business to want to know who you're doing business with. A few months ago, I requested that the Rules Committee revisit Charter Section 225 to ensure transparency in the way the City handles its contracts. The Rules Committee voted unanimously to move forward with an amended ordinance that will strengthen the City's ability to collect and disclose the identities of any individual or entity involved in a business transaction with the City. On December 4, 2017, the full City Council voted to approve this ordinance and to prepare language for a ballot measure for November of 2018 to amend the City Charter and codify a more enforceable and transparent process for collecting and disclosing information on City contractors.

Recognizing Exceptional Young STEM Thinkers



It was a pleasure to proclaim December 4, 2017, to be *The League of Amazing Programmers Day* in the City of San Diego in recognition of their recent success at the UCSD Design Lab D4SD civic competition. I am so impressed that two teams of high schoolers from the League made it to the finals, and one team even took home the grand prize competing against design professionals and graduate students to solve complex civic challenges. These victories are proof that the League is helping to create bright futures for young programmers and building the talent pipeline for our innovation economy.



SAVE THE DATE!

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE FIRST ANNUAL
STATE OF THE DISTRICT ADDRESS BY

BARBARA BRY

COUNCILMEMBER
CITY OF SAN DIEGO DISTRICT 1

Thursday, January 25, 2018

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Program begins at 6:30 p.m.

University City High School
6949 Genesee Avenue
San Diego, CA 92122

RSVP required: barbarabry@sandiego.gov
Please respond by no later than January 18th.

District 1 Volunteer Spotlight — Wendy Greene, CASA Volunteer, Voices for Children

Why did you get involved in the Voices for Children CASA program and what are your general responsibilities?

I had been looking for some sort of hands-on volunteer work when I heard about Voices for Children and the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program. I went to a volunteer information session and was immediately hooked. As a CASA, my job is to meet with my foster youth at least once a month, to gather information from a variety of sources, and to pass that information on to the judge overseeing the case, in the form of a report, every six months. The goals are to make sure that my assigned child's needs are being met and to be a dependable adult presence in my case child's life--someone she can consistently count on.



What has been your most rewarding experience as a CASA?

Earning the trust of my case child was a huge milestone. She now feels comfortable calling me when she has a problem or just needs a shoulder to cry on. I have really enjoyed watching her transition from a guarded and frightened teen to an optimistic, confident, and capable college student.

What is the required time commitment?

Voices for Children asks that CASAs commit to spending an average of ten to fifteen hours per month on the case--including time spent with the child, in meetings with caregivers or teachers, gathering information and requesting services, or writing court reports to the judge making decisions on the case.

What is your advice to someone who is interested in becoming a CASA?

Go to an information session or a Real Word presentation offered by Voices for Children. Your eyes will be opened to what life is like for children who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned by their parents or caregivers, and have to navigate the foster care system (moving from home to home, being separated from siblings, changing schools, etc.) essentially alone.

How to apply to become a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer with Voices for Children:

The first step toward becoming a CASA is to attend a free volunteer information session. Potential volunteers must also complete a CASA application, and are then interviewed by a trained Voices for Children staff member. Once accepted, volunteers complete a 35-hour online and in-person training program developed by Voices for Children to prepare CASAs for their important role as court advocates. They learn about topics such as educational advocacy and court report writing, but most importantly, they learn what foster children go through and support their case child in order to have the best possible outcome. Website: www.speakupnow.org

Team BB in the community!

My team and I volunteer to serve the Thanksgiving meal each year at the downtown **Serving Seniors** location. It was an honor to serve this wonderful group of seniors and to see them enjoying delicious food and community on Thanksgiving. It is always a meaningful experience and one I am truly grateful for.



Walter Munk is a pioneer of geophysical and oceanographic science whose research ranges from helping to predict the wave conditions for the Allied invasion of Normandy to assessing the impact of climate change on the poorest three billion people on earth. The City of San Diego was proud to recognize Walter Munk by naming the La Jolla Shores boardwalk in his honor on the eve of his 100th birthday—October 19, 2017.



Meet District 1's New Policy Advisor, Rayman Khan

We're excited to introduce you to our new policy advisor—Rayman Khan! Before joining our team, Ray received his bachelor's degree in environmental studies with a minor in law and ethics from the University of San Diego. There, he developed a passion for a wide range of environmental issues including, but not limited to: sensitive coastal environments; renewable energy; environmental policy; and socially responsible entrepreneurship. Ray continued his education at California Western School of Law where he received his Juris Doctor, in order to better advocate for the positive changes at the legislative and regulatory level. In law school, Ray served on the executive boards for the Environmental Law Society and Middle Eastern Law Student Association. When not in the classroom, Ray spent his time working as a law clerk for multiple law firms around the City of San Diego and volunteered with the San Diego Climate Action Campaign, specifically in its efforts to bring 100% renewable energy to the City. Ray advises our office on environmental policies, coastal issues, public safety, cybersecurity, and cannabis regulation. On his own time, Ray enjoys writing poetry, running on the beach, as well as playing tennis and ultimate frisbee with friends.



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City Moves Forward with Business Plan for Community Choice

Community choice energy, also known as community choice aggregation, would allow the City to establish a nonprofit to replace the public utility as the purchaser of power. CCE is key to ensuring the success of the Climate Action Plan's ambitious 100 percent renewable energy goal.



A recent study commissioned by the City confirmed CCE as a viable option for San Diego, and I applaud Mayor Kevin Faulconer for moving forward with a business plan to advance this program. The comprehensive business plan is essential in the development of a road map for

how CCE will operate and how its success will be measured.

CCE will stimulate economic growth by creating good local jobs as we invest in new sources of renewable energy. Renewable energy construction projects – building solar, wind and biogas facilities – create new construction jobs. Entrepreneurial opportunities and new jobs will also emerge from the innovation sector as research and development of renewable energy technologies becomes increasingly important.

Climate change looms large as one of the most significant global challenges we face. Given the lack of leadership and backward momentum we are seeing at the national level, California has more responsibility than ever to lead the fight against climate change. San Diego is poised to be a national leader. That depends on our ability to act swiftly to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. We can set an example as the largest city in the country to achieve 100 percent renewable energy reliance, and CCE is how we are going to get there.

**Happy Holidays and Best Wishes
for a Wonderful New Year from Team BB!**



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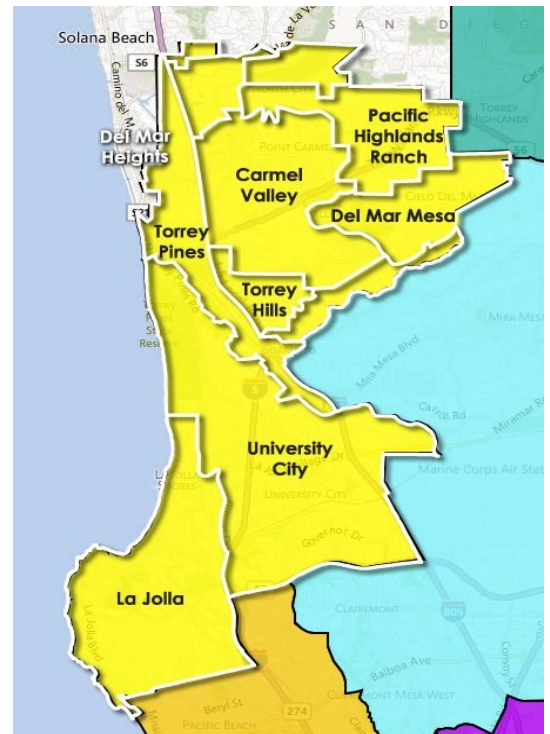
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