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San Diego is Still One of the Safest Cities in the Country

SANDAG compiles and reports regional crime statistics for San Diego County. The following information focuses on how many and what types of crimes were reported to local law enforcement in the first half of 2018. This data is useful to local law enforcement agencies as they track the effectiveness of their prevention and response efforts on jurisdictional and regional crime rates.

Overall, the region’s violent crime rate was 2 percent higher at mid-year 2018, compared to mid-year 2017, with increases in the number of reported rapes and aggravated assaults, but fewer homicides and robberies.

The region’s property crime rate was 3 percent lower at mid-year 2018 compared to mid-year 2017, with a 13 percent drop in the number of reported burglaries and 3 percent drop in the number of motor vehicle thefts. Larceny was up by less than one percent overall, but the region did see more thefts from motor vehicles, buildings, or bikes, and pickpockets/purse snatchings, and while petty theft (\$400 and less) was down.

	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Residential burglary	Non-residential burglary	Total burglary	Larceny under \$400	Motor vehicle theft	Arson
San Diego	18	310	653	1,649	1,074	724	1,798	4,530	2,487	91
El Cajon	2	20	86	138	80	86	166	513	171	9
La Mesa	1	10	34	36	42	27	69	254	58	6
Escondido	1	28	71	137	95	92	187	557	250	5
National City	2	11	43	99	17	32	49	187	131	4
Chula Vista	4	43	114	245	190	117	307	708	354	9

Supporting Our Local Startups



EvoNexus is a startup technology incubator and entrepreneurial hub in District 1 which empowers motivated entrepreneurs to turn their ideas into fundable, viable companies. EvoNexus offers office space, business services, expert advice and access to a network of mentors and potential investors to these burgeoning startups. Recently, they announced that four new companies will join their portfolio of 191 startups. The new additions will receive access to capital and strategic partnerships, long term residency (up to 2 years), office and dry lab space and the ability to collaborate and speak with other entrepreneurs.

According to Justin Weissberg, Founder and CEO of Evasyst, a recent addition to the EvoNexus portfolio company, “EvoNexus was a game-changer for us. As first-time entrepreneur, the accountability, strategic introductions and collaboration with other entrepreneurs were absolutely instrumental to Evasyst’s growth...With the invaluable advice I received during incubation, I was able to assemble a team of domain experts, launch a great product, and execute a vision that was greater than I could have imagined.”



These benefits to entrepreneurs will remain free of charge, however, EvoNexus will now have a 1 to 5 percent stake in the startups that they support. This new business model will help to generate crucial funds to help support EvoNexus’ stability and long-term growth.

I am so proud to have technology incubators like EvoNexus located in the heart of our district. These companies provide a great service to our innovation economy which drives economic growth for the region.

Save the Date for Brews with Bry!

Partake in a pint and share your thoughts with Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry.

Date: Thursday, October 18

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Absolution By the Sea, 7536 Fay Avenue, 92037

Please RSVP to Lora Fleming at lfleming@sandiego.gov by Monday, October 15

Team BB in the community!

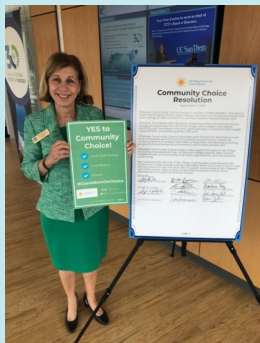
I took an informative hard hat tour of Westfield's new residential tower in University City.



September was Hunger Awareness Month and my staff and I share the San Diego Food Bank and the Hunger Coalition's vision of a hunger-free community.



The Community Choice Energy forum was both enlightening and conclusive: San Diego is ready to join cities across the state to implement a successful CCE.



A Brief Break with Barbara

1. What is a great book that you have read lately?

I recently finished *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen. It's a Pulitzer Prize winning novel about a North Vietnamese mole in the South Vietnamese army who moves to the US at the end of the war.

2. What is something that you like to do the old-fashioned way?

I like to have real conversations in person about important issues instead of communicating via social media.

3. What is something you think everyone should do at least once in their lives?

Everyone should definitely visit our beautiful national parks, particularly Yosemite, Death Valley and the Grand Canyon.

Announcing FY 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Opportunities

Is your organization providing services to the underserved communities of the City of San Diego? If so, your organization may be eligible to partner with the City and receive federal CDBG funding.

Eligible funding categories include public services, business assistance, public facility improvements, housing and sustainability projects.



Visit <https://www.sandiego.gov/cdbg/apps> to learn about getting your organization qualified to submit project proposals. The request for qualifications (RFQ) deadline is October 19, 2018. Please email cdbg@sandiego.gov with any questions.

Building a More Inclusive Innovation Economy

Connect2Careers (C2C) is a program of the San Diego Workforce Partnership which helps young adults secure employment with thousands of local job and internship opportunities. C2C links young adults (ages 16–24) to paid job experiences.



One such young adult was Roda who interned for Pfizer. Roda recalled that “The entire experience was extremely educational and fruitful... I worked alongside a number of extraordinary individuals and was able to explore a variety of possible career pathways.” Roda made a great impression on those who she worked alongside including her mentor, Pfizer Chemist Christy Aurigemma, who stated that “Roda was an absolute pleasure to have in our group. I was so impressed with her maturity, eagerness to learn, and how quickly she established herself as part of my team.”

I am proud to serve as the Vice Chair of the Workforce Partnership’s Policy Board which runs the C2C program. The City of San Diego has contributed \$500,000 to the program this fiscal year which has helped to connect even more young people to meaningful internships which can lead to long-term employment opportunities. These professional opportunities for young people are crucial in building a more inclusive talent pipeline. It is time to empower young people from every neighborhood and background to contribute to the growth and sustainability of San Diego’s innovation economy.

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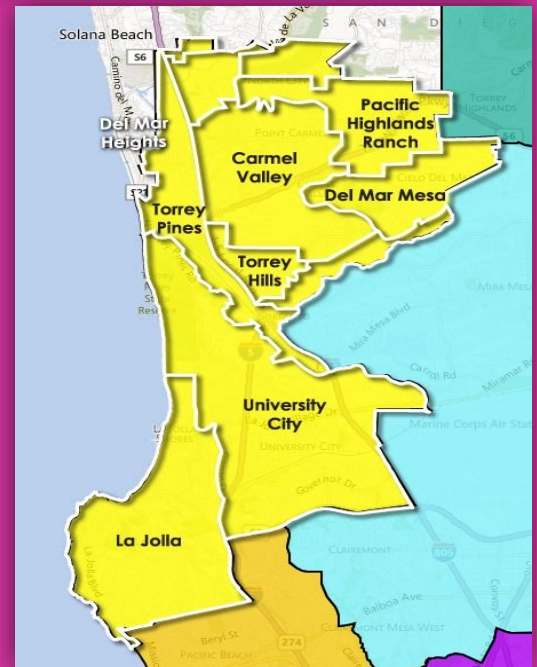
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