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Adding Transparency to Business Disclosures

We have moved one step closer to making it easier for the public to know the identities of anyone doing business with the City of San Diego. Residents deserve to know the people who are benefiting from millions of dollars in city contracts and purchases. This was the original intent of a 1992 law overwhelmingly passed with support from 86% of the electorate. The measure was put on the ballot after the City almost entered into a \$47 million real estate deal with an alleged mobster...



Unfortunately, the Mandatory Disclosure of Business Interests law is outdated, ambiguous, and often disregarded. I have been pushing to get clarification on the law because the City of San Diego gives out hundreds of millions of dollars a year in contracts, and it's very important for the city to make sure that we are doing business with people who have good reputations and track records. Often, when you do business with an LLC, you do not know who really owns that limited liability corporation – so you do not know who you are actually entering

into contracts with. San Diegans deserve to know more about where their tax dollars are going.

On July 30, my Council colleagues joined me in putting an amendment to Charter Section 225 on the November ballot. This will provide the community with the power to decide on whether we require companies to disclose the identities of those who want to do business with the City of San Diego.

Highlighting the Challenged Athletes Foundation and the Legacy of its Founder

I was happy to co-present with Mayor Faulconer a proclamation in honor of the Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF) and the amazing work this organization does for our city and the community. CAF began 25 years ago in the district at the La Jolla Cove because of Jim Maclaren. He was an exceptional amputee athlete who lost his leg in a motorcycle accident. Jim became a pioneer and achieved athletic feats that many thought would never be possible for an amputee. Jim finished the Ironman in the top 20% of all competitors!



In 1994, Jim launched a widespread effort to change the way that athletes with physical challenges were perceived. That same year, Jim endured a second tragic accident which left him a quadriplegic. A group of Jim's friends came together to hold the first San Diego Triathlon Challenge to help purchase an adaptive van for Jim. Their goal was to raise \$25,000. That amount was surpassed when they raised over \$49,000 in one day!

The perseverance that Jim demonstrated served as the inspiration to start a movement championing challenged athletes. Although Jim is no longer with us, his legacy remains strong through the transformative work of the Challenged Athletes Foundation. Thank you Jeffrey Essakow for your tireless efforts as the co-founder and board chair of the organization.

Neighborhoods Coming Together for National Night Out



On August 7, we celebrated National Night Out which is an annual neighborhood event that promotes partnerships between law enforcement and the community. This is an opportunity to foster and sustain positive relationships among neighbors to bring about a true sense of community among San Diego residents.

I had the pleasure of spending my National Night Out evening in University City. I want to especially thank Ruth DeSantis and Barbara Gellman for inviting me to their neighborhood block parties. It's encouraging to see how this event always brings neighbors, the broader community, and the San Diego Police Department together.



Improving Our Community Parks



I recently joined Mayor Kevin Faulconer at the grand opening of Doyle Recreation Center's new playground. This will be a safe place for all children to play with rubberized flooring and ADA accessibility. It is the first update to this playground since its construction in 1993. I want to acknowledge the City's Public Works Department, Parks and Recreation, the Doyle Recreation Council and its subcommittee consisting of Naomi

McLean, Cynthia Roy and Sue Evans for working in tandem to complete this ambitious yet much needed project.

The Doyle Recreation Center is a flagship for public participation as it enrolls more residents in its programs than any other recreation center in the City of San Diego. Each month, at least 25,000 patrons come to the park for birthday parties, picnics, room rentals, exercise opportunities or simply, to just relax and unwind. This new playground will be an incredible resource for families and their children to enjoy in this beautiful park.



Team BB In the community!

Infrastructure, integration, education and equity were the themes from our first dockless vehicle working group meeting.



It was a pleasure to serve breakfast at the Kiwanis Club of La Jolla's annual pancake breakfast. Order up!



The District 1 staff was out supporting former team member Daniel Orloff at the 65th Annual Life-guard Relays.



A Brief Break with Barbara

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

A Gentleman in Moscow.



2. How do you relax after a hard day of work?

Taking a long walk with my husband or doing some yoga tends to do the trick.

3. What is something that a ton of people are obsessed with but you just don't get the point of?

The Kardashians.

Share Your Ideas about Parks and Recreation

The city has more than 42,000 acres of parks and open space, 13 miles of shoreline, and 57 recreation centers helping to make San Diego a great place to live, work and visit

Planning and public input are essential to ensure a quality parks and recreation system that is sustainable and meets the needs of all residents

The City of San Diego is excited to begin a Parks Master Plan that will guide the next 20 years of planning, acquisition and development of parks and recreation services

You can join the conversation by providing your input online at www.cityofsandiegoparksplan.com. Help us plan for the future of our parks, neighborhoods and city. What you would like to see in your city parks?

Highlighting the EarthLab UCSD Community Station



I enjoyed visiting EarthLab, a 4-acre open space parcel that has been transformed into an interactive outdoor learning lab for students. Earthlab serves as a hub for information sharing with nearby neighborhoods, schools and civic groups through student community service.

EarthLab is preparing students to enter the 8 million STEM jobs anticipated by this year. And perhaps most importantly, Earthlab is creating knowledgeable, caring stewards of the environment who understand people and the natural world need each other to survive and thrive.



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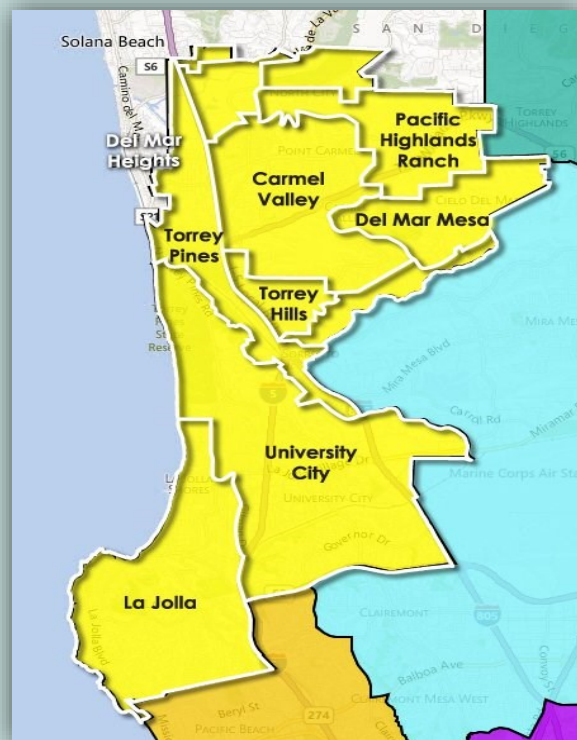
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