City of San Diego Strategic Plan



City Mission

Opportunity in every neighborhood, excellent service for every San Diegan.

City Vision

Every day we serve our communities to make San Diego not just a fine city, but a great City.

Operating Principles

Customer Service	We value our residents, customers, and employees by designing solutions and services that put people first.
Empowerment & Engagement	We value a "Culture of Yes" where we empower employees to creatively solve problems and offer solutions.
Equity & Inclusion	We value equity by taking intentional action to create equal access to opportunity and resources.
Trust & Transparency	We value transparency by using data to make better-informed decisions, answer questions, and build trust with the public.

Priority Areas

Create Homes for All of Us	Ensuring every San Diegan has access to secure, affordable housing.
Protect & Enrich Every Neighborhood	Connecting communities to safe public spaces that offer opportunities to learn, grow, and thrive.
Advance Mobility & Infrastructure	Offering high-quality infrastructure and mobility options that are efficient, safe, and convenient.
Champion Sustainability	Creating livable, sustainable communities for all San Diegans, now and in the future.
Foster Regional Prosperity	Promoting economic growth and opportunity in every community, for every San Diegan.

Outcomes: Create Homes for All of Us

1 San Diegans benefit from a diversity of different housing types, with homes that are affordable to everyone in all communities.

2 The City helps San Diegans find ways to build housing cheaper, faster, and easier.

3 San Diegans live in vibrant communities with healthy homes and access to opportunity.

4 San Diegans experiencing homelessness have access to long-term housing with supportive services.

Outcomes: Protect & Enrich Every Neighborhood

1 San Diegans in all communities are connected to neighborhood assets that anchor community life, foster interaction, and promote well-being.

2 Every San Diegan has access to arts and culture opportunities on their own terms. Visitors are able to discover and experience local culture.

3 San Diegans benefit from accessible, convenient, safe, and comfortable recreational spaces in their communities.

4 San Diegans have equitable access to a network of libraries, including robust digital services and programming, that are tailored to local needs and interests.

5 San Diegans benefit from public safety services that encompass the diverse needs of residents and communities.

Outcomes: Advance Mobility & Infrastructure

1 San Diegans in all communities, of all ages and abilities, can efficiently get from point A to point B with mobility options that are safe, affordable, and sustainable.

2 San Diegans travel on high-quality infrastructure that creates safe and comfortable spaces for people to walk, roll, ride, or drive.

Outcomes: Champion Sustainability

1 San Diegans have equitable access to high-quality, healthy, preserved open spaces.

2 The City of San Diego provides a built environment that best sustains our natural environment and public health.

3 A resilient San Diego that can adapt to, recover from, and thrive under changing climate conditions.

4 San Diegans benefit from diligent, innovative waste management.

5 The City of San Diego leads by example with zero emission vehicles, net zero emission facilities, and resilient and efficient delivery of services.

Outcomes: Foster Regional Prosperity

1 San Diego residents and businesses are supported by a strong local economy, with well-paying jobs, economic activity, and opportunities in every community.

2 San Diego businesses benefit from programs and funding opportunities that are accessible and equitably distributed.

3 San Diegans have economic opportunity from relations with Mexico as a binational trade partner.

4 The San Diego region benefits from a thriving, skilled, and educated workforce capable of tackling the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow.

5 San Diegans benefit from a passionate, engaged City workforce that provides the highest level of customer service and represents the San Diego community.

6 City employees enjoy a culture of great leadership, appreciation, and acknowledgement, with opportunities for learning and development.

7 The City provides a clear, unified pathway for career growth and development.

TACTICAL EQUITY PLAN

Department Name:

Parks and Recreation

Department Director: Deputy Chief Operating Officer: Andy Field Kristina Peralta

Department Mission

To provide healthy, sustainable, and enriching environments for all.

Department Vision

To connect all to the City's diverse, world-class park system.



A mission statement articulates the department's purpose (why it exists).

A vision statement articulates the desired future state of the department.

Parks and Recreation Department Goals

Goals

Goals are broad, multi-year, department-wide areas of priority and focus.

Goal 1

Provide access to clean, safe, and well-maintaned parks.

Goal 2

Ensure access to enjoyable, fulfilling recreational opportunities to all.

Goal 3

Foster employee-centric sustainable growth and development.

Goal 4

Cultivate a diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment for our employees and the public.

Goal 5

Implement Climate Action Plan goals including fossil fuel use reduction, natural resource management, preservation, restoration, and tree planting.



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Which of your goals does this objective apply to?	List the objective.		What is the universal equality standard that supports this objective?	<i>Who</i> is that equality standard not true for?	How will you know if you are moving in the	Who can help you accomplish this objective?	What area of the strategicplan does this objectiveWhat operating principles doesapply to?this objective apply to?	Please any additional notes, comments, or needs (data needs, es questions, metric calculations, support needs, etc.)	
1	Provide well-maintained parks.	Conduct maintenance activities such as mowing, trimming,	San Diegans deserve high-quality park assets that meet their recreation needs and preservation requirements.	This standard is not true for	San Diegans and visitors have access to well-maintained parks, buildings, shorelines, beaches, and open spaces as measured by the annual	-	Protect & Enrich Every Neighborhood Equity & Inclusion	Documents supporting the objective: (1) City General Plan, (2) Community Plans, (3) Parks Master Plan, (4) Park Maintenance Standards, and (5) Climate Equity Index.	
1	Provide clean parks.	emptying, restroom cleaning, building cleaning, blowing,	San Diegans deserve clean park assets that have little litter, no illegal dumps, empty trash cans, sanitized restrooms, and gymnasiums and community spaces free of trash and debris.	This standard is not true for neighborhoods that were (1) built prior to the creation of current park acreage standards, (2) have a higher park usage rate due to limited park acreage and high population, (3) have fewer access opportunities to parks (per the Parks Master Plan), and/or (4) are communities of concern as identified in the Climate Equity Index.	spaces as measured by the annual		Protect & Enrich Every Neighborhood	Documents supporting the objective: (1) City General Plan, (2) Community Plans, (3) Parks Master Plan, (4) Park Maintenance Standards, and (5) Climate Equity Index.	
1	Provide safe and enjoyable access to parks.		concern about personal safety.		spaces as measured by the annual	Mayor, City Council, Chief Operating Officer, Department of Finance, Performance and Analytics, Planning, Race and Equity, General Services, Engineering and Capital Projects, Transportation, Stormwater, Environmental Services, Development Services, San Diego Police Department, Fire-Rescue, Lifeguard Services	Protect & Enrich Every Neighborhood	Documents supporting the objective: (1) City General Plan, (2) Community Plans, (3) Parks Master Plan, (4) Park Maintenance Standards, and (5) Climate Equity Index.	
2	Serve areas in and around Climate Equity Index communities of concern ("service area") by reducing impediments to program participation.	program to ensure programs are accessible to people at all income		prior to the creation of current park acreage standards, (2) have a higher park usage rate due to limited park acreage and high population, (3) have fewer access opportunities to	change in number of San Diegans	Finance, Performance and	Protect & Enrich Every Neighborhood Equity & Inclusion	Documents supporting the objective: (1) City General Plan, (2) Community Plans, (3) Parks Master Plan, (4) Park Maintenance Standards, and (5) Climate Equity Index.	



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Which of your goals does this objective apply to? 2	List the objective. Serve areas in and around Climate Equity Index communities of concern ("service area") by marketing programs to San Diegans.	What specific activities that will help you achieve this objective? Develop a strategic marketing and communication plan to effectively communicate programs and activities to all residents, regardless of race, age, ethnicity, gender, and language preference.	What is the universal equality standard that supports this objective? San Diegans have access to information regarding recreation programs and activities in a comprehensive format.	Who is that equality standard not true for?This standard is not true forneighborhoods that were (1) builtprior to the creation of current park	right direction or making progress? San Diegans attend desired recreation programs and events, and the Department's offerings match those expectations. This is measured by: (1) the change in number of program participants year-over-year, (2) the change in number of San Diegans participating in recreation programs, (3) the change in number	Who can help you accomplish this objective? Mayor, City Council, Chief Operating Officer, Department of Finance, Performance and	What area of the strategic plan does this objective apply to? What operating principles do this objective apply to? Protect & Enrich Every Neighborhood Equity & Inclusion	PI cc qu n Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q Q
2	Serve areas in and around Climate Equity Index communities of concern ("service area") by identifying and closing gaps in services between various recreation facilities.	evaluate disparities between recreation facilities, (2) ensure programmatic offerings meet	San Diegans can enjoy programs that meet their needs and relate to their preferred recreation activities, including but not limited to sports activities (including clinics and team competition); exercise classes; cultural programming; visual arts such as painting, ceramics, photography, etc.; and performing arts such as music, theater, and dance.	This standard is not true for neighborhoods that were (1) built prior to the creation of current park acreage standards, (2) have a higher park usage rate due to limited park acreage and high population, (3) have fewer access opportunities to parks (per the Parks Master Plan), and/or (4) are communities of concern as identified in the Climate Equity Index. Many recreation centers have had limited recreation	recreation programs and events. They are not turned away due to lack of financial resources, lack of communication, and/or programs that do not match their recreation needs. This is measured by: (1) the change in number of program participants year-over-year, (2) the	Operating Officer, Department of Finance, Performance and Analytics, Race and Equity, Planning, Department of Information Technology, Purchasing and Contracting, Non- Governmental Entities such as Price Philanthropies and San Diego Parks Foundation	Protect & Enrich Every Neighborhood Equity & Inclusion	D (2 M C C P
2	Connect all San Diegans with their local park by understanding and offering desired community recreation activities, programs, and events.	each community to understand		 neighborhoods that were (1) built prior to the creation of current park acreage standards, (2) have a higher park usage rate due to limited park acreage and high population, (3) have fewer access opportunities to parks (per the Parks Master Plan), and/or (4) are communities of concern as identified in the Climate Equity Index. Many recreation centers have had limited recreation opportunities due to a 	recreation programs and events they are identified in a community-specific recreation programming needs assessment. They are not turned away due to lack of financial resources, lack of communication, and/or programs that do not match their recreation needs. This is measured by: (1) the change in number of program participants year over-year, (2) the change in number of San Diegans participating in recreation programs, and (3) annual customer satisfaction survey.	Operating Officer, Department of Finance, Performance and Analytics, Planning, Race and Equity, Purchasing and Contracting, Non-Governmental Entities such as Price Philanthropies and San Diego Parks Foundation	Protect & Enrich Every Neighborhood Equity & Inclusion	D (2 N C C P a N d





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3	Compensate employees at rates at or above average for various governmenta agencies within San Diego County.		Employees should be paid what they are worth.	This standard is not true for employees who do not understand various Personnel Department processes to advocate for higher wages and for those who do not use English as their primary language.	San Diegans and others seek employment with the Parks and Recreation Department because of high morale, high job satisfaction, competitive salaries, good training opportunities, excellent benefits, low turnover, and low vacancies. This is measured by (1) high employee satisfaction as reported by the employee satisfaction survey, (2) reductions year-over-year in position vacancies, (3) reductions year-over- year in position turnover, (4) increase in number of hours of employee training, (5) increase year-over-year in salary and wage rates.	Association	Neighborhood	Equity & Inclusion	C S M R C O r O
3	Create innovative ways to recognize and reward exceptional performance and special projects.	Provide numerous opportunities to recognize success and address areas of high turnover/vacancies, including: (1) discretionary leave days, (2) exceptional merit step increases, (3) exceptional merit cash payment awards, (4) employee of the quarter and year, (5) director's awards, and (6) recognition from Mayor and City Councilmembers for a job well done.	thanked for their success.	This standard is not true for hourly employees, employees that don't seek any recognition, employees that don't know how to nominate others, and those who do not use English as their primary language.		Association	Protect & Enrich Every Neighborhood	Equity & Inclusion	D O S R R C O r C O





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Maintenance Standards, and (5) Climate Equity Index.

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3	Improve recruitment and retention efforts, and create a desirable and attainable workforce.	community.	the region, and the Department is seen as	This standard is not true by those unaware of recruitment and employment opportunities, especially in communities of concern as identified in the Climate Equity Index.	San Diegans and others seek employment with the Parks and Recreation Department because of high morale, high job satisfaction, competitive salaries, good training opportunities, excellent benefits, low turnover, and low vacancies. This is measured by (1) high employee satisfaction as reported by the employee satisfaction survey, (2) reductions year-over-year in position vacancies, (3) reductions year-over- year in position turnover, and (4) increases in number of candidates applying for Department job opportunities.	Association	Protect & Enrich Every Neighborhood	Trust & Transparency	De ok Se M Re O of re or
4	Strategize environmental scans to our facilities to ensure that they are culturally inclusive and free of insensitive or racist materials.	public on culturally sustainable	Every person deserves a cultural inclusive environment with respect and dignity for all.	This standard is not true for Black people, indigenous people, people of color, ethnic groups, and women.	Employees feel respected, safe, empowered, and heard. This is	Mayor, City Council, Chief Operating Officer, Department of Finance, Performance and Analytics, Race and Equity, Human Resources, Personnel, AFSCME Local 127, Municipal Employees Association	Protect & Enrich Every Neighborhood	Equity & Inclusion	D(ok S(M R(R(0 01 r(0
4	Cultivate a culture of respect in our facilities by following the principles of respect, equity, and inclusion.		Every person deserves a cultural inclusive environment with respect and dignity for all.	This standard is not true for Black people, indigenous people, people of color, ethnic groups, and women.	 heard. This is measured by: (1) the change in number of program participants year-over-year, (2) the change in number of San Diegans participating in recreation programs, and (3) annual customer satisfaction survey. 		Protect & Enrich Every Neighborhood	Equity & Inclusion	D ol cc aı
5	Reduce fossil fuel usage in buildings by electrification, appliance swaps, and use of new emerging technologies in accordance with Climate Action Plan objectives.	stoves, ovens, etc.) for electric,	Every community deserves to have a facility that is energy efficient and does not increase greenhouse gas emissions.	This standard is not true for most park locations, as they were constructed under the idea that natural gas is the best way to heat a building or cook food.	San Diegans achieve 100% renewable electricity for all Park facilities by 2030. This is measured by progress year-over-year in electrifying buildings and other park assets and reduced reliance on natural gas for these types of energy needs.	Mayor, City Council, Chief Operating Officer, Department of Finance, Performance and Analytics, Sustainability and Mobility, Department of General Services, Race and Equity	Champion Sustainability	Equity & Inclusion	Do ok Ac Pl w re tc e



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Documents supporting the objective include: Rules of conduct (under development) and Parks Master Plan

Documents supporting the objective include: Climate Action Plan and Parks Master Plan. Other ideas are to shift to walking, biking and transit, reduce waste by 90%, and restore 700 acres of wetlands to promote carbon storage and ecosystem health.