



Office of Councilmember

Georgette Gómez

DISTRICT 9 DIGEST



September 2017

San Diego Opposes Trump Border Wall

On September 19, the City Council voted to pass Councilmember Georgette Gómez's resolution in opposition to the House of Representative's Bill 1813, known as the Border Wall Funding Act of 2017,

which proposes to tax remittance to countries south of the US Border in order to partially pay for the Wall and Executive Order 13767.



Councilmember Gómez said, "The border wall is a huge mistake for our region economically and environmentally. I am happy the City Council voted to pass my resolution. Our tax dollars should be spent uplifting the quality of life for all San Diegans, and tackling our issues on road infrastructure, housing, and homelessness. Building a wall will do nothing for our families and communities but place a hateful divide between two of the largest cities in Mexico and the United States."

Next Police Chief Search

The City of San Diego will begin its search for the next Police Chief, as Chief Shelly Zimmerman is slated to retire in March 2018. In early September, the Office of the Mayor announced their planned procedure for selecting the new Chief.

The current process includes six community meetings, with one included in City Heights, and an online survey for the community. Councilmember Gómez has been very vocal to ensure the process is as open and transparent as possible, and is committed to ensuring the City does everything possible to include our community in the selection process.

A forum will take place at the Mid-City Gymnasium on Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2017 - 6 p.m. 4302 Landis St.

For information on the process, where the community forums will be held, or participate in the survey, please visit www.sandiego.gov/next-police-chief.



Hepatitis A Outbreak

The Hepatitis A outbreak among our homeless population has dominated the news. Our office has been working to get the necessary services to those in need. On August 31st, our office sent the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) a letter requesting their help to install hand washing stations at bus stops and we will continue seeking ways to help curb the hepatitis outbreak. To view this letter, you may visit www.sandiego.gov/cd9.

The City is also focusing on cleaning downtown streets, expanding access to public restrooms, and providing free Hep A vaccines to anyone who needs it.

For more information, please visit www.211SanDiego.org or dial 2-1-1.



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Remembering Jan Riley



Jeanette Grace Frances Riley passed away on Thursday, August 14, 2017, surrounded by friends and family.

Born in 1942, Jan immigrated to San Diego in August of 1974, where she made a great life for herself and her family.

As a resident of the El Cerrito neighborhood, Jan immediately became involved in neighborhood issues. A natural leader, she soon became President of the El Cerrito Community Council and served in that capacity for many years, admired by all. Her passion and enthusiasm was infectious, and El Cerrito became a strong and active neighborhood under her watchful eye.

Jan also served on the board of the College Area Community Council and Community Planning Board for nine years.

Jan now rests at the Fort Rosecrans Cemetery with her husband Roy overlooking the town she loved San Diego. She always said she could never live anywhere else because nothing could be better than San Diego. We will remember Jan fondly and miss her dearly.

New Bikeway Along SR-15



Officials opened the SR 15 Commuter Bikeway to the public in September. The new bike route establishes a safe and convenient connection between Mission Valley and the Mid-City communities, while eliminating challenges that riders have had to cope with on other routes including high-speed traffic and long, difficult hills.

D9 Highlight: Keryna Johnson

Keryna Johnson is the Housing and Infrastructure Policy Advisor. A San Diego native, she graduated from San Diego State University with a B.A in Business and a Masters in City Planning.

Keryna lives in the Mount Hope community of District Nine, and enjoys hiking, biking, and traveling.

Keryna represents the communities of El Cerrito and Rolando, while also working on Housing, Homelessness, and Infrastructure policy. You may contact Keryna at (619) 236-6725 or at jkeryna@sandiego.gov.



Dystonia Awareness

Dystonia is a rare movement disorder. It is characterized by persistent or intermittent muscle contractions causing abnormal, often repetitive, movements, postures, or both. The movements are usually patterned and twisting, and may resemble a tremor.

To help raise awareness of the disorder, Councilmember Georgette Gómez introduced a proclamation declaring September 2017 Dystonia Awareness Month.



To learn more about the disorder and to help raise awareness, please visit www.dystonia-foundation.org.

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