Hello Neighbors!

As we look forward to Thanksgiving (with a side of rain), there’s clearly a lot to be thankful for here in San Diego. I’m proud of the progress that we’ve made so far. So, before you sit down with friends and family on Thursday, check out the list of what I’m thankful for this November:

**The Biggest SDPD Recruiting Class in 25 Year:** Addressing our police force’s recruitment and retention issues have been a high priority for me since coming into office. One big step towards increasing the size of the police department was in the budget we passed, which increased pay, funded a better marketing campaign to recruit officers from other departments and bonuses for those who join. That work is paying off, with more officers on the streets and the largest recruiting class SDPD has seen in 25 years. While there are more spots to fill, more officers means more community policing, safer neighborhoods and increased quality of life. (Page 2)
Clean Power Coming to San Diego: As an alternate to the board of San Diego’s new community choice energy program, I’m seeing firsthand how quickly our region is moving towards a clean energy future. The member cities are well on their way to finalizing the details for this new organization that will keep us on track to reach our climate action plan goals. The new organization even has a name now: San Diego Community Power. While there’s a lot of work to do, our region’s clean energy future is looking bright.

New Trees in Kate Sessions Park: My office, along with SDG&E and city staff, celebrated Kate Sessions’ birthday with a party in Pacific Beach. Planting trees seemed like the perfect way to honor the “Mother of Balboa Park”, who did so much to turn San Diego into the horticultural treasure it is now. We were also joined by students from Kate Sessions Elementary, who helped put the trees in the ground and brought home saplings to plant too. It’s fun to think that the next Kate Sessions may have found their passion for plants at our event.

Finally, I’m thankful for each and everyone one of you. This last year representing District 2 has been one of the most rewarding 12 months of my life. I appreciate your support, invite your critiques and hope that we can all continue to work together to make our beach and bay communities even better. Finally, remember to shop small this weekend, supporting our local businesses.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!
Looking for a chance to volunteer with the City of San Diego and help your local government make important decisions?

Councilmember Campbell’s office is looking to nominate District 2 residents for open positions on the city’s boards and commissions. There are several different boards and commissions where residents can use their expertise and knowledge to help advise the city on important decisions. These seats operate under a voluntary basis and we ask all applicants to commit to a 2-year term and to attend the meetings regularly. The commissions with a star next to them are ones that District 2 has a specified seat for, the others can be chosen from nominations submitted by any council office. Please send a resume and brief message of what motivated you to apply for this commission to Monica Eslamian at eeslamian@sandiego.gov. Please feel free to direct all questions to Ms. Eslamian as well. All current and previous seat holders in any of these commissions need to reapply in order to be considered.

*Citizen’s Advisory Board on Police/Community Relations;
*Citizen’s Equal Opportunity Commission;
*Civil Service Commission;
*Consolidated Plan Advisory Board;
Small Business Advisory Board.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Venus Molina
Chief of Staff

Venus is currently serving as Chief of Staff to Councilmember Jennifer Campbell. Previously, Venus served as the Chief of Policy for Council President Myrtle Cole handling budget, business and economic development for Council District Four, Director of Community Affairs and Government Relations for the Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation and Chief of Policy for Council President Tony Young. Her commitment to continue to develop her community is evident through her career as well as her participation in different community organizations. Venus is very active and dedicated to the San Diego community. She is MANA de San Diego’s current President of the Board of Directors and has been involved with the organization for the past 30 years. Besides her commitment to MANA de San Diego, Ms. Molina is a Commissioner for the International Friendship Commission in the City of Chula Vista. She is also a member of the Mexican-American Business and Professional Association and was a qualified nominee for the San Diego Magazine Woman of the Year in 2016 and the Latino Impact Awards in 2015. She enjoys spending time with her son, traveling and taking care of her two rescue dogs, Nube and Charger.
OUT AND ABOUT IN SAN DIEGO

- Kids Assisting Tree Planting
- Tour of Naval Base Coronado
- Speaking at the Ocean Beach Town Council
- Fleet Week Celebration
- 1st CCA JPA Meeting