What happens at the City of San Diego?

**Mayor**
- Directs administrative structure
- Can appoint or remove department heads
- Can approve/veto council actions
- Cannot vote on measures or ordinances, but:
- Can suggest to Council

**City Attorney's Office**
- An elected position
- Chief advisor to Mayor, City Council, most City Departments
- Is the City's prosecutor
- The legal representation for the City
- Defends taxpayers in lawsuits
- Protects residents & neighborhood quality of life

**Council President**
- Sets Council Agenda
- Presides over Council meetings
- Handles parliamentary duties
- Determines key assignments to committees

**City Council**
- 9 Councilmembers (1 per District)
- Establishes/modifies committees, advisory boards, & citizen committees
- Committees allow for smaller groups to go in-depth on policy
- 10 active Council Committees
- Introduces/passes ordinances or resolutions
- Affirmative vote of 5+
- Mayor can veto - veto can be overridden by affirmative vote of 6+

**Departments**
- ADA Compliance and Accessibility
- City Auditor
- City Clerk
- City Treasurer
- Communications
- Compliance Department
- Development Services
  - Code Enforcement
- Economic Development
  - Community Development Block Grant
- Emergency Services
- Engineering & Capital Projects
- Environmental Services
- Finance
- Fire-Rescue
  - Lifeguard Services
- General Services
- Government Affairs
- Homelessness Strategies and Solutions
- Human Resources
- Independent Budget Analyst (IBA)
- Information Technology
- Library
- Parks & Recreation
- Parking
- Performance & Analytics
- Personnel
- Planning
- Police
- Public Utilities
- Purchasing & Contracting
- Real Estate and Airport Management
- Risk Management
- Special Events & Filming
- Stormwater Department
- Sustainability and Mobility Department
- Transportation Department

Link to all departments: sdd9.info/depts

Helpful YouTube Video Here: www.sdd9.info/vosdgov
WAYS TO ENGAGE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Boards & Commissions

Attend a Youth Commission Meeting!
Join other youth in San Diego as they work to amplify the voices of other youth throughout our region.

Meeting Information:
- Every 1st Wednesday of the Month from 6-8pm
- Virtual (Zoom) - www.sdd9.info/yc
- More info - www.sdd9.info/youthagenda

Check out All of Our Boards & Commissions:
www.sandiego.gov/boards-and-commissions

Meet with Representatives

Meet with the Council President!
Attendees can sign up for Office Hours, either in person or virtual. Each time slot will be 15 minutes with the CP Elo-Rivera.

EVERY 3RD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
- Central (City Heights)
- Southeastern (Mountain View)

Volunteering with Community Organizations

Participate in Public Meetings

Written Comment

Public Comment

Council Meeting Calendar:
www.sdd9.info/legcal

County Meeting Calendar:
www.sandiegocounty.gov/bos/calendar

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

City of San Diego
www.sandiego.gov

City of San Diego Boards & Commission
www.sandiego.gov/boards-and-commissions

County of San Diego
www.sandiegocounty.gov

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