

# **Rolando Park/Redwood Village Community Council Meeting Minutes**

## **September 9, 2024**

### **Board members present**

Co-Presidents Lynn Edwards and Sonia Lang  
Vice President Michelle Alexander  
Member at Large Joyce Caudillo

### **Community representatives present**

Willow Lance – Congresswoman Sarah Jacobs’ office  
Lucero Maganda – Mayor Todd Gloria’s office  
Officer Joshua Cummings – Community Relations Officer, SDPD  
Roberto Marin – City Council President Sean Elo-Rivera’s office

### **Videos**

Videos of our meetings are available on our YouTube channel, RPCC\_RVCC.

*YouTube:*

<https://youtu.be/yPAAtGkej3tA>

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Co-President Sonia Lang.

### **Treasurer’s Report**

Sonia reported that they had 33 membership renewals and 12 new members to date, totaling \$504 in membership dues and \$186 in donations.

### **Community Updates – Jennifer Bennett, Redwood Village/Lynn Edwards, Rolando Park**

Jennifer announced the formation of a Redwood Village neighborhood subcommittee and upcoming cleanups that Lynn would announce. Lynn highlighted the need for volunteers to fill vacant board positions, including a secretary, treasurer, and a member-at-large to lead a community project. Interested individuals were encouraged to contact Sonia or Lynn after the meeting.

Lynn’s updates are attached.

### **Nonagenda Public Comments**

- Elizabeth Wepsic expressed interest in joining a community cleanup group.
- Oliver Walker provided an update on the Redwood Village Neighborhood Watch's growth and events.
- Melanie Briones introduced herself as the County’s Local Opioid Treatment Authority/Program Coordinator and mentioned the upcoming opening of the Soap Mat clinic.

### **Representatives’ Reports**

- Lucero Maganda, Mayor Todd Gloria’s office – Lucero discussed the city's draft cultural plan, the new fire chief, and public safety updates and highlighted a bill aiming to streamline storm channel maintenance.
- Willow Lance, Congresswoman Sarah Jacobs’ office – Willow shared updates on the Congresswoman's activities and encouraged reaching out for assistance with federal agencies.
- Officer Joshua Cummings, Community Relations Officer SDPD – Officer Cummings discussed issues at 60th and Rock Streets and efforts with the neighborhood watch. A new police chief and command restructuring were announced, along with the return of Captain Sainz to the community she grew up in. He expressed concerns about the potential impact of the Commission of Police Practices' recommendations on the community and the police department. He highlighted that the proposed policies would restrict officers from pursuing suspects in various situations, such as Fentanyl dealers,

battery suspects, domestic violence offenders, DUI suspects, and human trafficking suspects. He emphasized the need for community involvement and awareness of these changes, as they could have a devastating effect on crime rates and officer morale. He also mentioned the need for a balanced board to discuss these issues and the importance of retaining and recruiting officers. Officer Cummings concluded by urging the community to educate themselves and be involved in the decision-making process.

- Roberto Marin, City Council President Sean Elo-Rivera's office – The issue of people drinking and littering in Redwood Village, particularly late at night, was discussed. John and Bettina addressed this, encouraging residents to report such incidents to the non-emergency number. Additionally, the Urban Forestry Department is working with Groundwork to install trees along University Avenue, with the city waiving fees for planting.

### **Presentation on Trash Collection Services and Fees Study**

Aida Castaneda, a consultant from Cook and Smith Schmid, introduced herself to present on the city's commissioned study of trash and recycling services and fees to charge for single-family homes.

Aida discussed the ongoing process of enhancing trash collection services in San Diego, which is expected to last for about two years. The discussion revolved around Measure B, which was passed in 2022 and aimed to review the trash collection services and their fees based on public input. The cost of service will be determined by factors such as the baseline cost analysis for single-family homes, additional solid waste services, and the number of people in these homes. Aida also mentioned the possibility of different discounting programs for lower-income families and the potential for varying fees based on the weight of the trash. The meeting also covered the impact of the new fee structure on single-family homes, renters, and businesses. Aida concluded by outlining the timeline for the cost-of-service study, public engagement opportunities, and the 45-day public comment period.

Aida emphasized the importance of community participation in the two-year trash collection process and encouraged feedback from attendees and mentioned the website for information and upcoming open houses. Renee asked about potential tax rate changes if trash pickup fees are implemented, but Aida clarified tax rates would not be lowered. Vickie discussed charging flat rates per address to incentivize waste reduction, with potential waivers for disabled veterans and low-income residents and expressed concerns about the city's ability to reasonably charge for services. Vickie also advocated for community cleanups without penalizing participants and highlighted issues with trash collection in the area and the need for better accountability.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

## Meeting Chat

**Cheryl O'Brien (she/her):** please put that link survey in the chat thanks so much

**Cheryl O'Brien (she/her):** Welcome back to RP!

**Jennifer Bennett RVCC:** Welcome Elizabeth!

**elizabethwepsic:** Reacted to "Welcome Elizabeth!" with ❤️

**Lynn Edwards:** thanks for becoming a member, Elizabeth!

**elizabethwepsic:** Replying to "thanks for becoming ..."  
I'm glad to become involved.

**Samsung SM-S326DL:** Welcome Elizabeth!

**elizabethwepsic:** Reacted to "Welcome Elizabeth!" with 👍

**Samsung SM-S326DL:** This is Chris Real. Nice to be back with your meetings. I was one of the flood victims from January.

Melanie Briones, CoSD LOTA (she/ella): Reacted to "This is Chris Real. ..." with ❤️

**Jennifer Bennett RVCC:** No A/C here either Lucero! I feel you 😊

**Lynn Edwards:** EACPC meeting tomorrow night

<https://easternareacommunities.com>

Mid-City Community Plan Update, next meeting is this Wednesday, September 11, 6 to 8 pm at the Community Room at the Kroc Center or register in advance to attend via Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwpce2qrzkqEtCcKJsu0ogewtHRZbY1wbmJ>

Register for the Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday, September 21

<https://www.cleansd.org/environmental-action/countywide-cleanups/coastal-cleanup-day/>

Please complete the D9 FY26 Budget Survey by Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sv/X6fHWYU/fy25budget>

**robert.birks:** Hi, everyone. Rob Birks, here. My wife and I are the Administrators at the Kroc Center. I look forward to being a regular attendee at these monthly meetings. Thank you for all you do for our community. Be well.

**Lynn Edwards:** Welcome back, Chris!

**Lynn Edwards:** Welcome Major Birks. Glad to have you attend our meetings.

**Samsung SM-S326DL:** Lucero, yes channel issue seems to be an issue again.

**Cheryl O'Brien (she/her):** Lucero, please consider telling the Mayor to prioritize more green spaces to offset urban heat zones as many people lack A/C. Longterm with climate change, our District and SD need more passive cooling, green spaces, and trees especially. Thank you, Lucero.

**Samsung SM-S326DL:** Thank you Lucero.

**Melanie Briones, CoSD LOTA (she/ella):** Melanie Briones, CoSD Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Local Opioid Treatment Authority (LOTA) - melanie.briones@sdcountry.ca.gov (619) 925-9620 --

connect with me for any questions, concerns, interest in learning more about County-contracted opioid treatment programs (OTPs)

**Samsung SM-S326DL:** Nice to see Congresswoman Jacobs on Saturday.

**Bettina - Redwood Village:** CAN BARELY HEAR JOSH

**John Hogan:** 58th now too

**Lucero Maganda - Mayor Todd Gloria:** Reacted to "Lucero, please consi..." with 👍

**Nordine El Hafidoun:** Totally agree with no pursuit. It puts innocent bystanders at risk and as proved on Streamview Drive's accident for example, it augments the damages. If you have the suspect ID, no need to pursue. Each pursuit is also usually using a lot of resources at once.

**Lucero Maganda - Mayor Todd Gloria:** Here is some clarification on the CPP: What is the purpose of the Commission on Police Practices (CPP)?

- Provide independent community oversight of the San Diego Police Department (SDPD)
- Investigate officer-involved shootings, in-custody deaths, deaths resulting from interaction with a police officer, and other significant incidents involving SDPD
- Evaluate complaints against the SDPD sworn personnel
- Evaluate and review SDPD policies, practices, training, and protocols, and make recommendations for changes.

**John Hogan:** Thanks Lucero. Can you tell us who may be on the commission?

**Lucero Maganda - Mayor Todd Gloria:** Here is additional information: Apply to Become a Commissioner

- The Commission on Police Practices nomination period is now closed.
- To be considered for appointment on the Commission on Police Practices, you must do the following:
- Get nominated
- Complete the Commission Application
- Accept your nomination in writing
- For more important information, please visit the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ). For any questions, email [applytocpp@sandiego.gov](mailto:applytocpp@sandiego.gov).
- <https://www.sandiego.gov/cpp/about>

**Samsung SM-S326DL:** Thanks.

**John Hogan:** Excellent., thanks. Are their recommendations binding, or are they considered suggestions, like community planning groups?

**elizabethwepsic:** What is the non-emergency police telephone number?

**Lucero Maganda - Mayor Todd Gloria:** Similar to CPGs

Danny Carney: SDPD Non-emergency:

Lucero Maganda - Mayor Todd Gloria: Replying to "What is the non-emer..." Police

- If you have an emergency, call 9-1-1.
- For non-emergencies, call 619-531-2000 or 858-484-3154.

**Danny Carney:** 619-531-2000

**elizabethweptic:** Reacted to "SDPD Non-emergency:" with 👍

**Lucero Maganda - Mayor Todd Gloria:** Apologies my computer is overheating but happy to answer any additional questions concerns via email [lmaganda@sandiego.gov](mailto:lmaganda@sandiego.gov)

**Jennifer Bennett RVCC:** Reacted to "Apologies my compute..." with 👍

**robert.birks:** Sorry. I had to go. Good to see/hear everyone.

**Cheryl O'Brien (she/her):** Or take his question as a recommendation to pass on

**elizabethweptic:** Agreed!

**Cheryl O'Brien (she/her):** And they are hitting tree limbs and breaking / harming some trees — my tree for example

**Samsung SM-S326DL:** Replying to "And they are hitting..."

Someone said to contact GetItDone via app.

**Cheryl O'Brien (she/her):** Thank you all

**Samsung SM-S326DL:** Thank you. Stay cool.

## **RPCC Community Updates & Events**

# Vacant Board Positions

- **Secretary** – Keeps records of all Council and Board meetings and maintains historical records.
- **Treasurer** – Collects dues, maintains the membership list, handles banking, and disburses funds as authorized by the Board. The treasurer maintains financial records, provides financial reports to the Board and the members, and is responsible for completing reports and paperwork required of the RPCC.
- **Member-at-Large** – Voting member who takes a lead position on a task or project related to the overall interests of the RPCC.
- Two-year terms
- These positions can be shared by two persons willing to be a team candidate and co-share the responsibilities and time commitment of one position and represent one vote on the Board.
- Email: [contactus@rolandopark.org](mailto:contactus@rolandopark.org)

# Eastern Area Communities Planning Committee (EACPC)

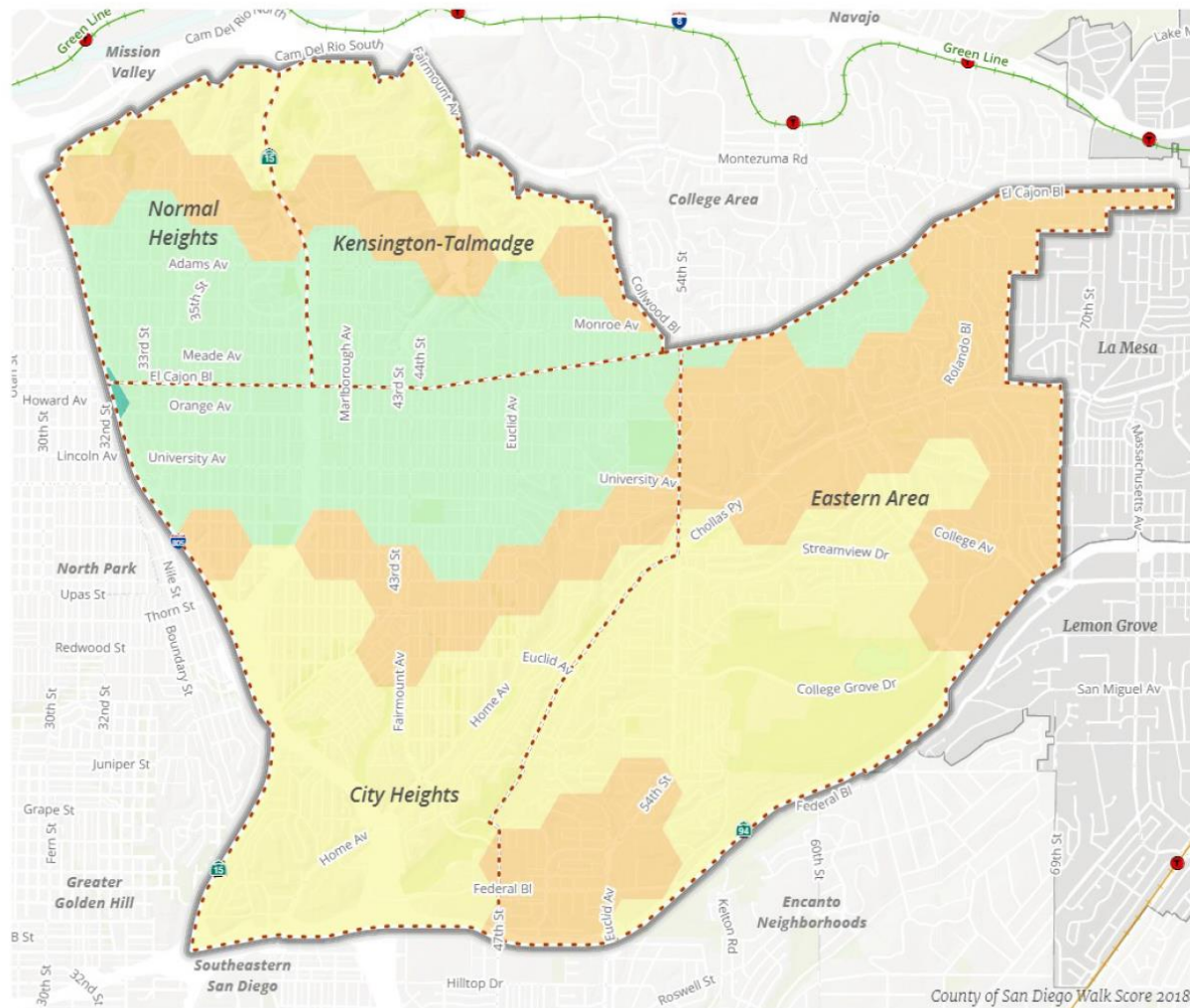
- Meets second Tuesday of each month at Teen Challenge and via Zoom
- Agenda, meeting ID, and Zoom link posted at <https://easternareacommunities.com>
- Tomorrow night: Action item #3, EACPC will be voting to recommend/not recommend two-hour parking limits on University between College and Cartagena.



# Wednesday, Sept. 11: Mid-City Community Plan Update Workshop

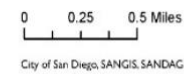
- Wednesday, September 11, 6 to 8 p.m.
- Attend the meeting in person at The Salvation Army Kroc Center, 6845 University Avenue or via Zoom.
- Register to attend via Zoom at:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwpce2qrzkqEtCcKJsu0ogewtHRZbY1wbmJ>.

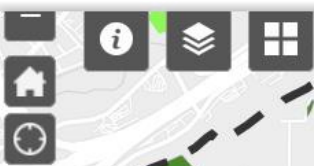
Figure 3-3 Mid-City Walk Score



**Walk Score**

- Walker's Paradise | Daily errands do not require a car
- Very Walkable | Most errands can be accomplished on foot
- Somewhat Walkable | Some errands can be accomplished on foot
- Car-Dependent | Most errands require a car





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Kensington-Talmadge

City Heights

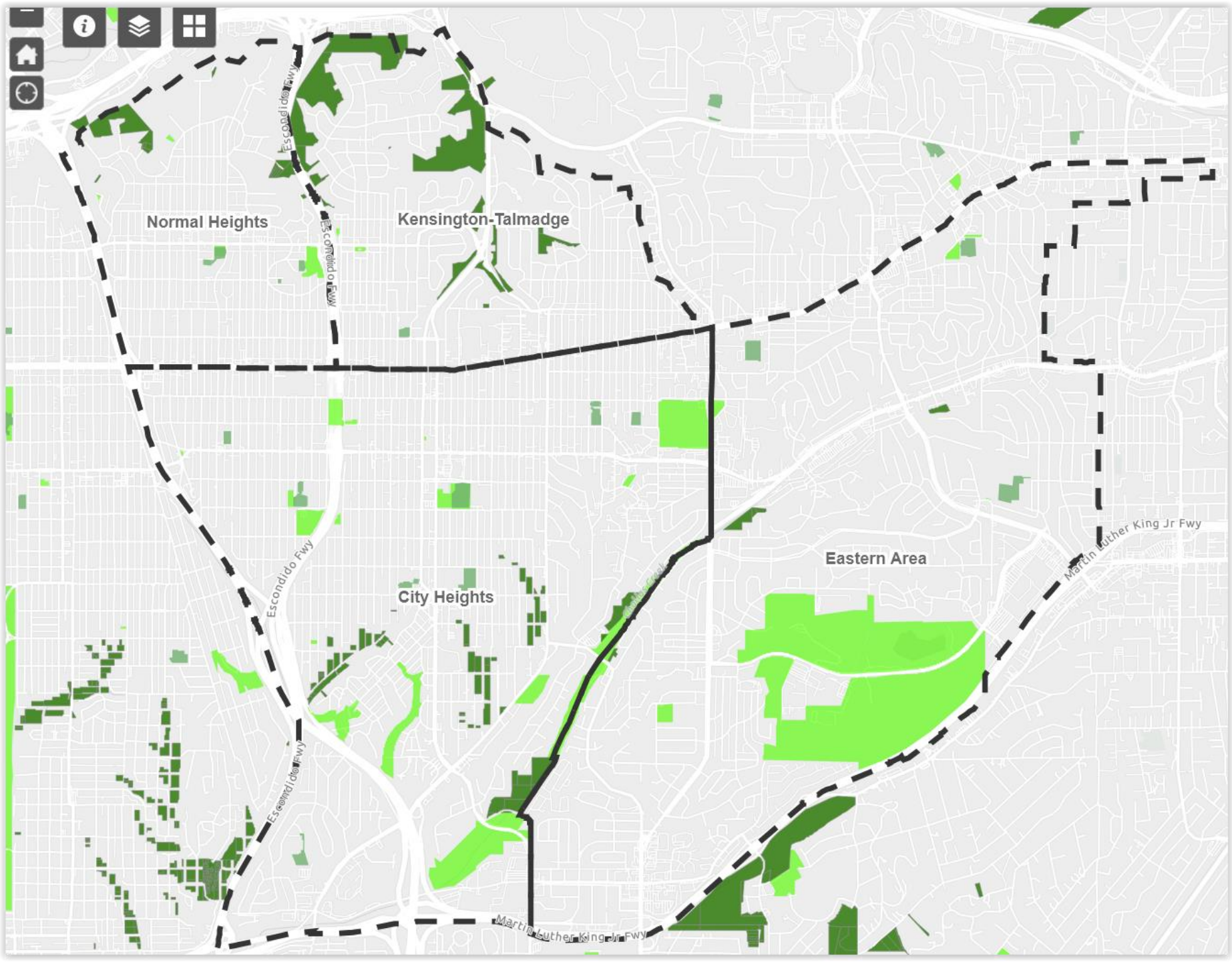
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# Report from Lucero Maganda, Community Representative Office of Mayor Todd Gloria

Good evening,

Please find my written report below in addition to our newsletter. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions!

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## City of San Diego Unveils Draft Citywide Cultural Plan for Public Review

- The City is seeking public input on its draft cultural plan, Creative City. This plan will set a strategic framework for advancing arts, culture and creativity in San Diego's diverse communities over the next 10 years and position the City and trans-border region as an equitable place of inspiration and prosperity.
- The draft plan sets forth a vision and actionable strategies to sustain and grow San Diego's vibrant creative ecosystems, where arts and culture advance dialogue, development and diversity -- defining San Diego as a global creative capital.
- The City is continuing its engagement process with new events and a feedback form — ensuring all San Diegans can participate in the cultural planning process. San Diegans are encouraged to review the draft plan at [sandiego.gov/creative-city/get-involved](https://sandiego.gov/creative-city/get-involved) and provide feedback by Oct. 12, 2024.
- San Diegans can also attend the Creative City Open House at the Comic-Con Museum on Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024, from 9 a.m. to noon to learn about the cultural planning process and participate in informal conversations about the draft recommendations where attendees can share input on the draft plan and weigh in on the city's creative future.

## Robert Logan Sworn in as the New Fire Chief:

- The Mayor had the privilege of swearing in Robert Logan II as San Diego's 19th Fire Chief at a ceremony held at Bayview Baptist Church in Encanto.
- Chief Logan has dedicated nearly three decades of his life to the safety and well-being of our community. His leadership and experience will be critical as we continue to enhance our public safety efforts and adapt to the evolving needs of our city.
- Chief Logan's vision for the department focuses on ensuring that our firefighters are equipped with the best resources and training to protect every resident of San Diego, and the Mayor is confident that under his leadership, San Diego Fire-Rescue will continue to strive for and achieve the highest standards of excellence in public service.

### **City of San Diego Releases Report Regarding Status of Ocean Beach Pier:**

- The City of San Diego has determined the safest and most cost-effective option for the Ocean Beach Pier is to keep the structure closed to public access while the City moves forward with a long-term solution to replace the 58-year-old pier
- The Ocean Beach Pier has been closed since it was damaged by high surf in October 2023. Additional, and more significant, damage occurred in December 2023 when a support bracket – or “pile” – broke off and fell into the ocean.
- Engineering teams have determined that any work to rehabilitate the pier is not feasible, especially given the likelihood of additional damage occurring during future winter storms. Additional repairs or rehabilitation would be required to reopen the pier, which would include extensive construction, heavy machinery and the need to build a new structure to support the equipment and construction personnel.
- The City continues to make progress on the Ocean Beach Pier Renewal project. There have been four community workshops since April 2023 to gather input from the community about what they would like to see in a new pier. City consultants are currently making minor updates to the design concept based on the most recent feedback received from the community regarding specific pier amenities like lighting and shade options. This updated design concept is expected to be released this fall.

### **City of San Diego Hits New Milestone for Affordable Housing Permit Program:**

- Marking the success of a program aimed at bringing affordable homes to the market quickly, 27 projects totaling 2,834 homes have been issued permits since Mayor Todd Gloria introduced an executive order to expedite the permitting process.
- The 27 affordable housing projects are located throughout San Diego, with developments in eight of the nine City Council districts, as showcased on a new, interactive website.
- The City Planning Department’s Annual Report on Homes shows that, in 2023, the number of income restricted homes in San Diego quadrupled and 42% of those were processed via the Mayor’s executive order.

### **San Diego Remains One of the Safest Big Cities:**

- The latest data from the Major Cities Chiefs Association reveals that violent crime in our city continues to trend downward.
- Homicides have decreased by an impressive 47%, rapes are down by 17%, robberies have dropped by 6%, and aggravated assaults have declined by 1%.
- One of the key contributors to this positive trend has been the implementation of innovative programs like the Smart Streetlight system.
- Since its rollout earlier this year, the system has aided in over 160 events, leading to 117 arrests, the recovery of six guns, and an estimated \$1.67 million recovered in stolen goods.



**Assembly Bill 3227 Heads to the Governor's Desk:**

- San Diego is taking significant steps to enhance its storm resilience with the advancement of Assembly Bill 3227, known as the "Streamlining Storm Water Channel Maintenance Act."
- In partnership with Assemblymember David Alvarez and sponsored by the City of San Diego, this bill, which passed the State Legislature last week, is designed to cut through red tape, allowing San Diego and other California cities to more effectively maintain storm channels.
- Stormwater channel maintenance had been difficult to conduct due to state and federal regulatory and administrative requirements. More severe winter storms have increased the urgency to reduce this regulatory burden so that channels can be cleared and reinforced ahead of significant weather events.
- This bill in conjunction with Assemblymember Alvarez's AB 2501, which authorizes local governments to fund technical assistance and permitting for stormwater projects, would mean San Diego is better positioned to manage the challenges of a changing climate and the more severe weather we expect from it.

**Best regards,**

**Lucero**