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# LACAVA'S COLUMN

Your District 1 News Update



## Friends,

Thanksgiving was last Thursday, and, in light of the holiday season, I've spent some time reflecting on what I am thankful for this year.

Speaking specifically to 2021, I am thankful for our continuing local and national recovery from COVID-19; for my supportive and hard-working staff; for my family and our health; and, last but not least, for the opportunity to represent you as your Councilmember.

Thank you for the opportunity to advocate for, and make a difference in, what I am passionate about – environmental sustainability, transparency in government, and community representation.

Stay safe and happy holidays to you and yours.

Yours truly,



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## District 1 News

[See What I'm Up to Each Week with New Friday Social Media Series](#)

An important part of a councilmember's job is connecting with the public and attending local events. It is an opportunity to learn about your priorities as well as learn about the good work of our local organizations.

Each week I invite you to see how I've been serving the community with my new, weekly "Friday Photo Share" post on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#).

## News from City Hall

### *What Was on the Docket? (a sampling from 10/26 through 11/16)*

Date	Item	Final Vote	D1 Vote
11/29/21	Introduce and adopt an Emergency Ordinance pursuant to San Diego Charter Section 295, enacting a Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination Policy	Approved 8-1 (D6 voted no)	Yes
11/16/21	Deny or grant the appeal and approving or set aside the environmental determination for Windansea Barrier (aka Windansea Belvedere)	Denied the Appeal & Approved the Environmental Determination Unanimous	Yes
11/15/21	Receive and Accept the City Treasurer's 2022 Investment Policy with a first ever requirement to divest from fossil fuels	Approved 8-1 (D6 voted no)	Yes
11/2/21	Add new language to the San Diego Municipal Code and amend several council policies relating to gender-neutral language	Approved unanimously	Yes
10/26/21	Adopt "Spaces as Places" initiative	Approved unanimously (D6 not present)	Yes

### [A Word on Community Planning Group Reform](#)

Since 2018, the City Attorney, Independent City Auditor, Grand Jury, Audit Committee, and a variety of community leaders and organizations groups have weighed in on how CPGs should comply with the City Charter, our local constitution.

As a former Community Planning Group (CPG) Chair and Community Planners Committee (CPC) Chair, I am proud to be leading this reform. My proposed solution will maintain CPGs as advisory bodies to the City, retain the hundreds of volunteers and community leaders who serve, improve opportunities for broad community representation and transparency, and allow for an effective and supportive use of City resources.

I encourage your participation and feedback as we present this to Planning Commission, Land Use & Housing Council, and the full Council in early 2022. The first presentation was at Community Planners Committee (CPC) November 30th meeting.

You view more details, including frequently asked questions (FAQs), sharable graphics, and an informative video, at <https://bit.ly/LaCavaCPG>. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Kathleen Ferrier, my policy director, at [kferrrier@sandiego.gov](mailto:kferrrier@sandiego.gov).

## **Climate Action Plan Public Forums December 2 and December 5**

The Climate Action Plan (CAP) draft is now out for review and the City wants your input! This update establishes a community-wide goal of net zero by 2035, committing San Diego to an accelerated trajectory for greenhouse gas reductions. City staff is holding two public forums to introduce the plan, listen to public feedback, and share how to use the online draft. Interpretation services will be available in Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and Chinese.

Forums are tonight, Dec. 2, 2021, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. To register and learn more, visit <https://www.sandiego.gov/sustainability/climate-action-plan>.

Residents can also submit feedback by emailing [Sustainability@sandiego.gov](mailto:Sustainability@sandiego.gov).

## **Volunteers needed for We All Count Annual Homeless Census on January 27**

Volunteers are needed for the We All Count annual homeless census. This annual initiative, led by the Regional Task Force on Homelessness, collects data on the needs of people experiencing homelessness in our community. The event will take place from 4:00 to 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 27, 2022.

Those interested can register and learn more at <https://www.rtfhsd.org/>.

## **District 1 Gets it Done**

This month, Team LaCava really stepped up as we returned to in-person events across the City. Please see below for a few of our most recent “community wins.”

### ***Carmel Valley***

- Connected property owners with appropriate City staff to identify owners of land parcels off Carmel Creek Road and Valley Center Drive;
- Reconciled an error on a resident’s water bill, which led to a bill exemption;
- Completed vegetation abatement near a property line between Carmel Canyon Road and Tarantella Lane;
- Collaborated with the San Diego Police Department and local schools on various police reports regarding safety issues throughout the Carmel Valley and Pacific Highlands Ranch neighborhoods, including a recent increase in disruptive behavior at the Del Mar Highlands Town Center;
- Worked alongside the San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority and Surf Cup Sports to begin restoration work on a portion of the Coast to Crest Trail. The event is scheduled for December 4, and my office will be volunteering from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Those interested in volunteering or learning more can contact Executive Director Shawna Anderson at [shawna@sdrp.org](mailto:shawna@sdrp.org).

### ***La Jolla***

- Celebrated replanting seven trees at Goldfinch Point with Friends of Coast Walk Trail, LJ Sunrise Rotary Club, and The Cave Store;
- Honored veterans at the Mt. Soledad National War Memorial Veteran’s Day Service;

- Toured proposed maintenance to the Picnic Grove at Scripps Park and resolved scheduling
- Joined “Pitch Your Passion” to hear teens share their concerns and suggestions for a better community;
- Spoke at the La Jolla Community Center’s Community Forum on my priorities and answered questions;
- Facilitated the city regrading the alley in the 7400 block of High Avenue;
- Presented a plan for brush abatement in Pottery Canyon Park;
- Abated trash and dead brush from the hillsides along the Fay Avenue Bike Path;
- Celebrated the Grand Opening of The Map in Kellogg Park;
- Kicked off the 13th Art & Wine Festival, benefiting underfunded programs like art, music, science, physical education, technology and on-site medical care at all La Jolla public schools;
- Obtained Police enforcement against illegal fires at Marine Street Beach.
- Presented a commendation to Scripps Institute of Oceanography for the launch of Scripps Ocean Atmosphere Research Simulator (SOARS.)
- Resolved traffic signal timing, inspired by The Children’s School’s 2nd Grade Class’s research and analysis.

## ***Torrey Hills***

- Facilitated the planning of vegetation abatement work near Carmel Mountain Road and East Ocean Air Drive between the City’s MAD Division and Torrey Hills community members.

## ***University City***

- Relayed several reports of missed trash collection in Villa La Jolla Park to City staff, resulting in immediate service;
- Ensured Gilman Drive was repaved after a utility line disrupted the street just south of the Via Alicante intersection;
- Connected residents with Traffic Engineering staff, who evaluated the intersection of Agee Street and Kearsue Avenue for stop signs, ultimately deciding the intersection met criteria for installation;
- Facilitated the repair of a streetlight along Syracuse Court, which had been out for 9 months;
- Worked with Development Services to clear a stalled electrical permit;
- Canvassed portions of University City to promote the University City Community Plan Update Community Survey.



If you would like to report an issue in your community, do not hesitate to reach out to my community representatives via email or phone or stop by their weekly office hours – we are here working for you.

## Community Representative Office Hours

If you haven't had a chance to say hello yet, stop by your community representative's Zoom "office hours" happening each week!

- Brian Elliott (bellriott@sandiego.gov) will be hosting **Del Mar Heights office hours** from **10 – 11 a.m. on Wednesdays** (Zoom link [here](#))
- Kaitlyn Willoughby (kwilloughby@sandiego.gov) will be hosting **University City office hours** from **10 - 11 a.m. on Fridays** (Zoom link [here](#))
- Ricky Flahive (rflahive@sandiego.gov) will be hosting **Carmel Valley, Del Mar Mesa, and Torrey Hills office hours** from **11 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Wednesdays** (Zoom link [here](#))
- Steve Hadley (srhadley@sandiego.gov) will be hosting **La Jolla office hours** by ***request only***.

## Stay Connected with District 1

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