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LACAVA'S COLUMN

Your District 1 News Update



Friends,

This year, I have the opportunity and the honor to sit as chair of the City Council Environment Committee and vice chair of the Land Use and Housing, Rules, and Active Transportation and Infrastructure committees. I also sit on San Diego Community Power Board of Directors and am the vice chair of the San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space JPA.

These new appointments position me to initiate legislation and influence policy, which I will do while adhering to my values as promised when I was sworn in. I continue to respect science, respect nature, and respect you.

Thank you for your support, critique, and making your voice heard in 2021. In 2022, we will use our prior victories and lessons learned as a springboard to get things done.

Yours truly,



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District 1 News

[Upcoming 2/16 Infrastructure Town Hall with Mayor Gloria](#)

Join Mayor Todd Gloria and me at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16 to learn about the City's infrastructure process and help shape how we prioritize capital projects. With your input, we can create a stronger and more resilient San Diego.

Register at: sandiego.gov/PrioritizingCIP3

Let's Talk About Your Community

How does the City decide to build a park, library or fix our roads?

What is the process?




How can you advocate for needs in your neighborhood?

Join Mayor Todd Gloria and City leaders to learn more about our infrastructure process.

Your voice matters. We need your help! Share feedback on how the City prioritizes its capital projects.

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VIRTUAL COMMUNITY EVENTS:

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| <p>Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022 6 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Hosted by Councilmember Marni von Wilpert, District 5</p> <p>Register: sandiego.gov/PrioritizingCIP1</p> | <p>Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022 6 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Hosted by Council President Sean Elo-Rivera, District 9</p> <p>Register: sandiego.gov/PrioritizingCIP2</p> |
| <p>Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022 6 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Hosted by Councilmember Joe LaCava, District 1</p> <p>Register: sandiego.gov/PrioritizingCIP3</p> | <p>Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022 6 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Council President Pro Tem Monica Montgomery Steppe</p> <p>Register: sandiego.gov/PrioritizingCIP4</p> |

City files Permit for Annual Point La Jolla Closure

To protect the public and wildlife, the City applied for a Coastal Development Permit to implement an annual seasonal closure of Point La Jolla from May 25 through September 15.

Thank you to everyone that participated in reflecting on last year's emergency closure and forming a thoughtful plan going forward. This effort was only possible with the input of the Mayor's office, Parks & Recreation Department, San Diego Lifeguards, Sierra Club San Diego, San Diego Waterman's Alliance, La Jolla community groups, and the over 1,500 individuals that completed the public survey. Because of your input, we

were able to achieve a compromise that both preserves beach access and keeps the public at a safe distance to enjoy the natural wildlife on our coastline.

To learn more about the closure and view the Coastal Development Application and Supporting Documents, click [here](#).

[Update of Recent String of Northern Burglaries](#)

Due to the recent string of organized burglaries in the northern part of District 1, SDPD officers and supervisors have had a heightened presence in our neighborhoods. Officers spoke with over 100 residents since January, and the information provided was very helpful. My office facilitated an informal town hall between the community and SDPD in January, which allowed nearly 150 residents to share their experiences and observations and hear directly from Captain Wahl of Northern Division and his officers.

I am happy to report that there have been no burglaries in the Muirlands neighborhood the past few weeks; nevertheless, the FBI, San Diego County Sheriff, Los Angeles law enforcement, and San Diego Police Department all continue to work on this case.

My office continues to work closely with Captain Wahl and will deliver updates as available. In the meantime, [here](#) is a recent article on the crimes affecting the region and may help you better protect your property and valuables.

Thank you to all who reached out – your collaboration and cooperation my office and SDPD helps keep us all safe.

News from City Hall

What Was on the Docket? (a sampling from 12/6 through 2/8)

| Date | Item | Final Vote | D1 Vote |
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| 12/6/21 | Approve an MOU with the Housing Commission for the administration and oversight of the Eviction Prevention Program and Housing Stability Program | Approved unanimously | Yes |
| 12/7/21 | Adopt Barrio Logan Community Plan Update | Approved unanimously | Yes |
| 12/14/21 | Adopt the Climate Resilient SD Plan | Approved unanimously | Yes |
| 1/10/22 | Implementation of Parks Master Plan | Approved unanimously | |
| 1/11/22 | Appeal of the Del Mar Heights Rebuild – Project No. 666025 | Appeal denied unanimously | Appeal Denied (LaCava lead) |
| 1/31/22 | Joint Agreement with MEA and Local 127 to unwind Proposition B | Approved unanimously | Yes |
| 2/1/22 | Appeal of Encelia Romero Project | Appeal Upheld unanimously | Yes (LaCava lead) |
| 2/1/22 | Amending the implementation date for the STRO Regulations adopted in Ordinance O-21305 (April 14, 2021) | Approved 8-1 (D1 voted no) | No |

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| 2/7/22 | Fifty Year Ground Lease with private party for three separate city-owned sites in Midway and Pacific Beach communities | Approved unanimously | Yes, after securing lessee commitment to convert all three sites to solar. |
| 2/8/22 | Adopt "Homes for All of Us" | Approved 8-1 (D5 voted no) | Yes |

City of San Diego Public Library Celebrates Black History Month

This month, the San Diego Public Library (SDPL) is celebrating the history and achievements of Black Americans with a full schedule of programs and events at several library locations and online. The SDPL's Black History Month programming includes a creative works contest for school-aged students, author talks, virtual and in-person story times for children, take-home craft kits, and recommended readings.

For more information on the SDPL's Black History Month programs; live reading with Heather McGhee, author of "The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together;" and recommended book list, visit the SDPL Black History Month [website](#).

San Diego Museum Month

For the entire month of February, explore and enjoy 50% off admission to 45+ San Diego County museums, historic sites, gardens, zoo/aquariums and more.

To participate, pick up a free pass at a San Diego Macy's store or a County library.

More information, including a list of participating museums, can be found [here](#).

Volunteers needed for We All Count Annual Homeless Census on February 24

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, February 24, 2022.

Those interested can register and learn more [here](#).

District 1 Gets it Done

New year, and #TeamLaCava hit the ground running! Please see below for a few of our most recent "community wins."

Carmel Valley

- We joined with the Carmel Valley Community Planning Board in pursuit of city action on their 2016 Livability Subcommittee Report. City Transportation responded and delivered an initial detailed report at the board's January meeting. We will hear more from Transportation in the coming months;

- Three different lights at the Carmel Valley Skate Park replaced, as well as two streetlights on the corner of Harwick Lane and Harwick Place;
- Vehicles from Rancho Toyon Place in Del Mar Mesa removed;
- Trash receptacles at the pedestrian path near Carmel Valley Middle School installed to combat frequent littering;
- Multiple infrastructure projects are nearing final design and set for construction, including:
 - Pacific Highlands Ranch library is planned to begin Summer 2022, with a projected opening in in late 2023 or early 2024 (these are new dates due to a prior bid protect.)
 - El Camino Real Bridge Widening Project is now planned to begin January 2023, with a projected opening in April 2026.
 - Construction to connect the SR56 bike path to the Sorrento Valley Bike/Pedestrian Trail is planned to begin June 2023 with a projected opening in late February 2024.

La Jolla

- “No Left Turn” on Little Street at Torrey Pines Road approved;
- \$718,790 in State grant funding to construct a permanent guardrail on Torrey Pines Road between Coast Walk and Prospect Place accepted by City Council;
- New public restrooms and showers at Scripps Park opened. This project has been in discussion since December 2014 and is privately funded, with construction taking place since August 2019. We worked closely with the city, contractor, and the community in timely resolution of issues that arose during construction;
- As part of the 2021 Franchise Agreement a new Memorandum of Understanding with SDG&E for utility undergrounding was approved by City Council. We lost 2020 and 2021 but undergrounding projects will begin again in earnest in 2023. We secured restart of work on three “legacy” projects in La Jolla which will be completed by the end of 2022, with SDG&E removing utility poles in La Jolla Shores east of La Jolla Shores Drive by the end of February;
- Organized town hall meeting with SDPD and nearly 150 Muirlands residents to address the recent burglaries;
- Attended the LJ Community Planning Association, LJ Town Council, and LJ Parks & Beaches meetings, regarding the City’s proposed seasonal closure of Point La Jolla;
- Attended the La Jolla Open Aire Market on February 6, listening and engaging with two dozen residents on topics such as public safety, infrastructure, and residential permitting processes. If you missed me, I’ll be back at the Market on 6th and, hopefully, every first Sunday;
- Working with neighbors and Code Enforcement, we shut down a party house in Lower Hermosa;
- My community rep personally removed box, plastic, and Styrofoam packing from an 85” television recently dumped along La Jolla Parkway. I am also working with Caltrans to remove debris further east which is within their right-of-way and emphasized the debris often reported in this area.



University City

- We arranged a community dialogue with the new commander of MCAS Miramar to discuss flight patterns. This town hall will occur in April in conjunction with the UCCA. Contact Kaitlyn Willoughby at kwilloughby@sandiego.gov for more details;
- Villa La Jolla Park cleaned and ongoing maintenance confirmed;
- Large dumpster was blocking a fire hydrant at the Venetian Condos along Nobel Drive removed; removed;
- Storm drain on Arriba Steet fixed;
- Unsightly utility box at La Jolla Colony Drive removed;
- Dangerous segment of Via Mallorca paved and repaired;
- Despite the redrawing of district boundaries, we continue our support of the University City community.

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.

Office News

#TeamLaCava is proud to welcome Kristiana "Krissy" Chan! Krissy earned her Master of Advanced Studies in Climate Science and Policy from the Scripps Institute of Oceanography. She is already a quick study and will be a great asset as my policy associate.

Welcome aboard, Krissy!

Krissy Chan

Policy Associate

Kristiana (Krissy) joins Councilmember LaCava's team after receiving her Master of Advanced Studies in Climate Science and Policy from Scripps Institution of Oceanography. There she presented her Capstone Project on how to address California's pervasive wildfires via the expansion of Indigenous stewardship. She also served as co-founder and Chair of the University of California San Diego's Climate Reality Campus Corps Chapter. She brings dedicated research skills, community outreach and engagement experience, and a passion for addressing environment justice, the climate crisis, and establishing a just transition.

Krissy received her Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University at Albany, SUNY, where she spent time volunteering with her community and promoting various fundraisers for the Children's Miracle Network and the Veteran's Hospital in Albany, NY. Despite her bi-coastal ties, she is a born and raised Southern Californian well versed in our unique and diverse communities. She spends her free time surfing, rock climbing, kickboxing, and going on adventures in our beautiful city




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Community Representative Office Hours

Please stop by your community representative's Zoom "office hours" happening each week!

- Brian Elliott (bellioth@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***.

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