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Your District 1 News Update



Friends,

Like you, my family's holiday celebrations this year will be muted and distanced. We will instead reminisce of holiday memories from years gone by.

I am fortunate to have an extended family that stayed in San Diego, even as our siblings started families of their own. I smile remembering the joyful noise and near chaos that was celebrating with the in-laws on Christmas Eve. Remembering my wife's mom's fruitcake (yes, a tasty fruitcake!) and her dad's giant bowl of eggnog. The screams and giggles the next morning from our two young daughters as they awoke to find what Santa left under the tree (or daddy assembled in the yard.)

Celebrating on Christmas Day with my family was more subdued, but just as memorable from my mom, who insisted on orderly openings the presents and then dutifully collecting and folding wrapping paper to be reused next year. And LaCava family gatherings meant a loving feast put on by my mom—traditional turkey and fixings one year, an Italian feast the next, and always my favorite, her 'mpigliata.

This year will be just as joyful, but isolated with those in our "pod." A bountiful dinner with just the four of us, our son-in-law, and the grandpup, followed the next day by lunch with Lorene's mom. My mom's nursing home in lockdown due to an outbreak (hopefully now controlled) so only a phone call this year.

Cherish the memories. Enjoy socially distancing or cross-country zooms, whatever it takes to connect and re-connect.

I hope your holidays are safe and healthy. Looking forward to 2021.

Yours truly,



COVID-19 Updates

County

[In-person Dining is an Open and Shut Case](#)

As of today, an appeals court has blocked a judge's decision to halt enforcement of COVID-19 restrictions against San Diego County restaurants and live entertainment. This means that on-site operations are not allowed and Governor Newsom's stay-at-home order is in full effect. That being said, we can (and should) continue to support our local businesses even if we are unable to engage with them in-person. I encourage you to shop, dine, and gift locally, even if that looks like takeout or a gift card at the moment. We are living in fast times and, as always, my office is here as a resource for you. If you have any questions about COVID restrictions, please contact me at joelacava@sandiego.gov or 619-236-6611.

[San Diego County Receives Its First Shipment of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

On December 21, San Diego County received 20,000 doses of the Moderna vaccine, the second COVID-19 vaccine approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

This shipment is the first to deliver a portion of the allocated 43,700 doses to the region. These 43,700 doses of Moderna's vaccine are in addition to the roughly 28,000 doses of Pfizer vaccine that started arriving in San Diego County last week.

State

[Small Small-Businesses May Apply for 90-Day Tax Extension](#)

Governor Newsom issued an executive order providing a 90-day extension on tax returns and tax payments for small businesses.

Now, small businesses filing a return for less than \$1 million in taxes will be able to apply for a tax extension, giving them until the end of July to file first-quarter returns.

You can track daily COVID case numbers, deaths, tests, and ICU capacity [here!](#)

Federal

[\\$900 Billion Federal Stimulus Package On the Table!](#)

On Monday, December 21, Congress passed a bipartisan COVID-19 stimulus package. While there are many elements in this massive 5,600-page bill, some key benefits are:

- \$600 direct checks to individuals
- \$300 supplemental federal unemployment benefits for 11 weeks
- Funding for State and Local Rental Assistance (California estimated to receive over \$2.6 billion)
- \$284 billion for businesses (and the revival of the [Paycheck Protection Program](#))
- Extending the eviction moratorium through January 31, 2021
- Funding for COVID testing, tracing, and vaccinations
- Money for schools, childcare and food assistance

What the package did not include is direct aid to states and cities like the CARES Act provided, which means no budgetary relief to our city's financial shortfall. Despite this, I am committed to preserving core neighborhood services and working with the Mayor and my fellow councilmembers to balance our budget.

The next step for this deal is presidential approval.

News from City Hall

A Word on the Council President Vote and Committee Assignments

At my inauguration, I stated that I am ready to work with my City Council colleagues to ensure that every San Diegan in every neighborhood has the opportunity to enjoy what our great city has to offer. As such, I am pleased that Councilmembers Sean Elo-Rivera, Monica Montgomery-Steppe, and Vivian Moreno will chair significant council committees. They have pledged to tackle inequities within San Diego and act on behalf of our historically under-resourced communities and will drive needed conversations into the open, spur progress, and change our city for the better.

As vice chair of the Audit Committee and Active Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I too pledge to do my part to advance an agenda of solutions, transparency, and equity.

I am optimistic about the leadership that all my colleagues will bring to their respective committees. I look forward to working with Council President Campbell and all my council colleagues.

An Update on the Invitation to (Not) Bid for the Franchise Fee

After an extensive Invitation to Bid period to become San Diego's new electric and gas provider, it was revealed on December 18 that [Mayor Gloria rendered SDG&E's bid \(the only bid received\) unresponsive, thus rejecting the offer](#). The City is currently pursuing extending the existing agreement between the City and SDG&E to allow enough time for more opportunities for public engagement to occur.

Help a District 1 Neighbor in Need

This year my office is assisting a District 1 resident who needs a little extra financial support this holiday season. This year has been challenging for many, and even a small donation will help.

To help support your fellow neighbor, please make a donation to <https://shorelinecs.org/> noting it is on behalf of the Councilmember LaCava/District 1 effort. Donations should be made no later than by December 25, 2020.

Thank you all in advance. "Times like this, even though tragic and devastating, bond us together as neighbors."

Getting it Done in Carmel Valley!

On Tuesday, December 15, residents in Carmel Valley notified my office of potholes along Del Mar Heights Road between Carmel Country Road and Landsdale Drive. Just two days later, my team was told by Transportation & Stormwater that they patched over 15 potholes and complete other minor road repairs along that stretch.

Thank you to TS&W for working so urgently on this, as well as the residents who alerted my office to the problem - it's because of eyes and ears like yours that District 1 is a safer, nicer place.



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Happy holidays from Rose Canyon and your District 1 team!

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