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# LACAVA'S COLUMN

Your District 1 News Update



**Friends,**

It's August, which means we are officially on legislative recess until September. Legislative recess is a time in which council meetings do not take place. Legislative recess is not a vacation, nor a break. In fact, it's anything but.

Over the next month my team and I will be preparing for upcoming policy items, fulfilling constituent requests, meeting with residents, and overall assessing how we can improve our civic services.

I invite you to take advantage of this time. Email your community representative, meet with my policy advisors to discuss an issue that's important to you, attend one or both of the two upcoming town halls advertised below.

While my team and I are here listening to you and working for you year-round, take legislative recess as a sign to engage and make a change in your community.

I look forward to hearing from you soon!

**Yours truly,**



**Councilmember Joe LaCava**  
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# District 1 News

## **Final District 1 Water and Sewer Rate Town Hall – August 18 at 6 p.m.**

In July, my office and the City's Public Utilities Department (PUD) hosted a town hall to hear from you, the District 1 residents, about the proposed sewer and water rate increases. If you were unable to attend, I invite you to participate in our final town hall on Wednesday, August 18, at 6 p.m.

If approved by City Council at its September 21st meeting, the current proposals would increase single-family sewer rates up to 17%, water rates by 3%, and decrease multi-family sewer rates - all of which would go into effect in January 2022 if passed.

As I review details of this proposal, your questions and comments will guide me and City Council to make the best decision for residents, businesses, and our city. Participants can register at <https://sdutilityrates.com>.

I hope to see you there!



## **District 1 Redistricting Community Input Meeting - August 11 at 5:30 p.m.**

Every 10 years, the City of San Diego re-evaluates its council district lines to ensure that all areas are given equal representation. Redistricting, or the process of redrawing these lines based on population change, will guide representation and resource allocation for the next decade. The federal census numbers are yet available; however, the Commission has access to population estimates by SANDAG to give an idea of how population is shifting across our city.

Your input on this discussion is essential in helping define what will constitute as District 1 for the next ten years.

The City of San Diego Redistricting Commission invites you to a District 1 Community Input Meeting on August 11 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. to inform residents on the redistricting process as well as open the discussion up to any questions, comments, or concerns.

When: August 11 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Where: <https://sandiego.zoomgov.com/j/1606056835>

Participate by phone at 669-254-5252 (Webinar ID: 1606056835)

Residents may also submit a community of interest feedback and preliminary map at <https://bit.ly/Communitymapping>.

## ***City of San Diego Enacting Temporary Closure of Portions of Point La Jolla for Safety of Residents and Wildlife***

The City of San Diego submitted an application for a temporary emergency closure of a portion of Point La Jolla at Ellen Scripps Browning Park, in an effort informed by California Coastal Commission guidance, to protect the public and the sea lion rookery located along the shoreline during the annual sea lion pupping season.

We have called for responsible tourism, met with stakeholders, installed new signage, and yet crowds continue to seek up-close encounters with the sea lions. The spectacle of the past few months does not reflect who we are as a city and has distracted the public from enjoyment of San Diego's world-class natural resources. The temporary closure will curtail access to Point La Jolla while preserving the unique viewing of sea lions. Further, it provides the City additional time to continue conversations with stakeholders on effective methods to manage our coastline for all to safely enjoy.

With the permit, the City anticipates an emergency closure of the area starting this week through September 15, when pupping season concludes. The closure serves to protect both the public and marine life. Sea lions can become aggressive when they feel threatened and can cause serious bodily injury to visitors who get too close.

## ***Protecting our Natural Open Spaces***

This week I voted in favor of the City's Park Master Plan (PMP). This was the first update since 1956 and reflected input from stakeholders, communities, and professionals.

In District 1, our open spaces are an important aspect of our quality of life. At my urging I secured a commitment by city staff to prepare a comprehensive review of these spaces and evaluate how we monitor, manage, and protect them. I am also working with the City Auditor to secure an independent audit of the city's open space program.

The new PMP is progress, yet it speaks only to funding for new parks or enhancing existing parks. As a city, we must secure new funding for management/maintenance to ensure that our parks retain their functionality, aesthetics, and safety.

## **News from City Hall**

### ***What Was on the Docket? (7/27 - 8/3)***

While we are now in legislative recess, Council had a very busy late-August, hearing several major items in the last two weeks. Please see below for a vote recap from the last few meetings. See you in September!

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Final Vote</b>	<b>D1 Vote</b>
7/2721	Approve and expend federal and State funds for the COVID-19 Housing Stability Assistance Program and	Approved unanimously	Yes

	authorize the SDHC to continue program oversight		
7/27/21	Approve amendments with the Padres to remove restriction on football at the ballpark property	Approved unanimously	Yes
8/2/21	Approve the 'Eliminate Non-Serialized Untraceable Firearm (ENUF)' Ordinance	Approved 8 – 1	Yes
8/3/21	Adopt 'Parks for All of Us' Parks Master Plan	Approved 8 – 1	Yes
8/3/21	Declare Sports Arena Property as 'Surplus Land'	Approved unanimously	Yes

## **[Are you between 14 and 22? Apply now for Reinstated SD Youth Commission!](#)**

To ensure those most affected by the future have a strong voice in shaping it, the City of San Diego is reinstating its Youth Commission, and opportunity for young adults (14 - 22) to serve on an advisory body to the Mayor & City Council.

Board positions are open to all to apply; however, preference will be given to applicants with a history of youth involvement. Objectives of the board will include identifying critical issues affecting youth in the City, providing advice and recommendations to the Mayor, and City Council, meeting no less than 4 times per year, and presenting periodic reports to the City Manager and the Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee.

Those interested should apply at [onboard.sandiego.gov](https://onboard.sandiego.gov), and individuals interested in potentially being nominated by appointment by District 1 should reach out directly to [rflahive@sandiego.gov](mailto:rflahive@sandiego.gov).

## **[Non-Profits Called on to Help Fund Future San Diego Creators](#)**

The City is issuing a Request for Information (RFI) to identify non-profit organizations that may offer fiscal sponsorship to potential Creative Community San Diego (CCSD) applicants seeking funding. The RFI will result in a compiled reference list of fiscal sponsors for potential FY23 CCSD applicants that will be publicly posted and available for interested organizations to use as a resource.

Those interested can learn more and apply at [here](#). Deadline for submissions is August 22 at 11:59 p.m.

## **District 1 Gets it Done**

This past month, my office collaborated with Parks and Recreation to refurbish the Ocean Air Joint Use Field, which serves Torrey Hills and Carmel Valley. Since July, City staff have been replanting grass on the field and repairing the irrigation system. A month later of literally watching grass grow, the field is better than ever and ready for the community to enjoy.

Thank you to City staff for your quality work and to my Carmel Valley representative, Ricky Flahive, for keeping the community abreast of this project.



*Before*



*After*

If you would like to report an issue in your community, do not hesitate to reach out to your community representative 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 ([belliott@san Diego.gov](mailto:belliott@san Diego.gov)) will be hosting **Del Mar Heights office hours** from **10 – 11 a.m. on Wednesdays** ([link here](#))
- Kaitlyn Willoughby ([kwilloughby@san Diego.gov](mailto:kwilloughby@san Diego.gov)) will be hosting **University City office hours** from **10 - 11 a.m. on Fridays** ([link here](#))
- Ricky Flahive ([rflahive@san Diego.gov](mailto:rflahive@san Diego.gov)) will be hosting **Carmel Valley, Del Mar Mesa, and Torrey Hills office hours** from **11 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Wednesdays** ([link here](#))
- Steve Hadley ([srhadley@san Diego.gov](mailto:srhadley@san Diego.gov)) will be hosting **La Jolla office hours** upon request

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