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Subject: LaCava's Column: Opening Day for Continued Business



## Friends,

After a two-year hiatus, my council colleagues and I welcomed the public back to in-person Council meetings.

Direct access to your representatives is a key tenet of local government. It is your right to have your input heard, and our duty as officials to listen. Kudos to our City Clerk, our IT department, and the army of City staff who shifted quickly because of the pandemic to provide virtual options for participation.

Returning to in-person means we are expanding our engagement, offering yet another method of communication. Zoom and the telephone remain as participation tools. As I continue to serve as your District 1 representative, I am pleased to welcome you back to City Hall to share your voice.



Yours truly,



**Councilmember Joe LaCava**  
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## DISTRICT 1 BUDGET TOWN HALLS

May 2 @ 6p (online)  
May 21 @ 10a (in-person)

Register at: [bit.ly/D1FY23BTH](https://bit.ly/D1FY23BTH)

Join me at one or both Budget Town Halls to learn more about the budget process, the Mayor's Fiscal Year 2023 Proposed Budget, and critical issues from the City of San Diego's Office of the Independent Budget Analyst.

I am hosting these town halls so that you can provide feedback directly to me and my staff. This is an opportunity to ask questions on the process, the revenues, and the expenditures and to share your priorities on City services and infrastructure.

The City of San Diego has not fully recovered from the pandemic's financial impacts and City leaders have difficult decisions to make. I want to hear your funding priorities.

Learn more and register at: <https://bit.ly/D1FY23BTH>

## News from City Hall

### What Was on the Docket?

*A Sampling from 3/14 - 4/15*

DATE	ITEM	VOTE	D1 VOTE
4/13/22	Street Vacation and Land Sale in connection with SDSU West	Approved Unanimously	Yes
4/12/22	Approve Salary Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2023	Approved Unanimously	Yes
4/5/22	Establishing a Privacy Advisory Board	Approved 8-0 (D2 not present)	Yes
4/4/22	Adopt Residential "No Fault" Eviction Moratorium	Approved 5-1 (D6 no; D1 & D7 recused)	N/A CM LaCava recused himself
3/15/22	Authorize Stormwater CIP Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) Loan	Approved 8-0 (D5 not present)	Yes

## There is Such Thing as a Free Ride

*18 and Under Ride for Free with SANDAG Youth Opportunity Pass*



Beginning May 1, everyone 18-years-old and younger can ride transit for free in San Diego County through the SANDAG Youth Opportunity Pass pilot program. Youth can get unlimited rides on the bus, Trolley, COASTER, and SPRINTER through June 2023 with a Youth PRONTO account.

Learn more and register at:

<https://youthopportunitypass.sandag.org/>

## Out and About in District 1

This month, I had the opportunity to:

- Deliver a proclamation to Computers 2 Kids San Diego, recognizing their good work donating over 250,000 new and refurbished computers to families and students in need
- Speak with the League of Women Voters on pressing issues such as climate change, homelessness, and housing
- Celebrate World Down Syndrome Day at University City's Nobel Recreation Center alongside dozens of families
- Honor our healthcare heroes on the anniversary of California's COVID-19 stay-at-home orders
- Share my admiration of ElderHelp by submitting a video to their Essence of Life Celebration
- Host my inaugural "Java with LaCava" event in Pacific Highlands Ranch, engaging with the 30+ residents who stopped by
- Attend the Pacific Beach Town Council Annual Installation Dinner
- Celebrate 75 years of the "aloha spirit" at Windansea Surf Shack
- Advocate for federal funding in Washington D.C. as part of a legislative trip organized by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Speak at an Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) webinar regarding roundabout enforcement
- Attend a press conference alongside Mayor Gloria launching Arts, Culture & Creativity Month in California and announcing a new cultural planning initiative
- Join the La Jolla Museum of Contemporary Art relaunch after a four-year renovation hiatus
- Interview and select the first permanent CEO of San Diego Community Power, the City of San Diego's next Independent Budget Analyst, and the interim CEO of the San Diego Housing Commission

We are here to celebrate your events or speak before your group, please reach out at [joelacava@sandiego.gov](mailto:joelacava@sandiego.gov).

## District 1 Gets it Done

This month #TeamLaCava responded to....

**1,021 constituent emails**

**81 constituent phone calls**

Thank you to all the residents who contacted us and engaged with my office this past month. 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 "Win" Monthly Highlights

A constituent reported a malfunctioning traffic signal which gave a pedestrian crossing signal and a right turn arrow at the same time. Kaitlyn Willoughby, my UC representative, worked with Traffic Engineering to resolve the issue in less than a week. Given its proximity to UCSD and residential areas, my staff worked quickly and efficiently to remedy the situation.



Ricky Flahive, my Carmel Valley representative, relentlessly followed-up on an outstanding report of excessive brush in the northwestern corner of Elizabeth Rabbitt Park, resulting in its subsequent removal. Brush removal plays a key role in fire prevention and helps ensure the safety of nearby residents.

After residents raised concerns over traffic delays turning west on North Torrey Pines Road, we engaged City Traffic Engineering to evaluate the signal timing. City engineers subsequently adjusted the signal timing, resulting in an immediate and significant improvement in traffic flow.



## Community Representative Office Hours

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

**Carmel Valley, Del Mar Mesa, and Torrey Hills**  
 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Wednesdays (link [here](#))  
 Ricky Flahive: [rflahive@sandiego.gov](mailto:rflahive@sandiego.gov)

**Del Mar Heights**

11 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Thursdays (link [here](#))

Krissy Chan: [chank@sandiego.gov](mailto:chank@sandiego.gov)

**La Jolla**

By Request Only

Steve Hadley: [srhadley@sandiego.gov](mailto:srhadley@sandiego.gov)

**University City**

10 - 11 a.m. on Fridays (link [here](#))

Kaitlyn Willoughby: [kwilloughby@sandiego.gov](mailto:kwilloughby@sandiego.gov)

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