## **LACAVA'S COLUMN**

## **July Edition**

July 19, 2022

## Friends,

Among other critical decisions, the Supreme Court handed down a decisive blow to the Environmental Protection Agency, severely restricting its power to regulate carbon emissions that cause climate change.

We are in a climate emergency and the federal agency tasked with environmental protection must have the authority to do work towards our common good. Diminished federal power makes our local actions even more important.

This month, I led the San Diego City Council Environment Committee in unanimously advancing the Mayor's update of the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP) to full council. This update formalizes the City's goal of 100% renewable energy by 2030, net zero emissions by 2035 and reinforces our standing as a national climate leader.

Achieving the CAP's ambitious goals will produce a sustainable future for San Diegans and remain a model for the country. This action to update the CAP is just the start, I am working with the Mayor's Office in refining the implementation and action plan with a goal to finalize that plan by February 2023 to inform the City's Fiscal Year 2024 Budget.

Our City is also well underway in constructing the largest capital project in its history; Pure Water. Pure Water puts clean water in our water supply and diverts wastewater from the ocean. By 2035, it will deliver over 50% of our city's water needs, replacing expensive imported water. It is a critical and prudent step towards water and climate resiliency. San Diego is at the literal end of a drying pipeline and water is too valuable to be a one-use resource.

Climate action cannot wait, and neither can we.

#### Yours truly, Councilmember Joe LaCava

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### **Office Hours**

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

Carmel Valley, Del Mar Mesa, and Torrey Hills Email or Call Vicky Joes: vcjoes@sandiego.gov

Del Mar Heights
11 a.m. - 12 p.m. on
Thursdays (link here)
Krissy Chan:
chank@sandiego.gov

La Jolla
By Request
Steve Hadley:
srhadley@sandiego.gov

University City
Email or Call
Krissy Chan:
chank@sandiego.gov





July 15, 2022: I joined **Mayor Gloria** in welcoming U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Assistant Administrator for Water, **Radhika Fox**, and EPA Regional Administrator for the Pacific Southwest, **Martha Guzman**, on a tour of our Pure Water facilities.

### **DISTRICT 1 NEWS**

### Java with LaCava in Torrey Hills on August 6

I invite you to swing by my next in-person Java with LaCava community "coffee" event on Saturday, August 6, from 9 - 11 a.m. at Torrey Hills Park (4260 Calle Mejillones, San Diego, CA 92130.)

Join us for as little or as long as you would like to share your thoughts and questions on your neighborhood, District 1, or city-wide issues directly with my team and me.

Registration is appreciated, but not required, at: <a href="https://bit.ly/LaCavaJava86">https://bit.ly/LaCavaJava86</a>.

I look forward to seeing you there.



## **Best of Luck Ricky and Kaitlyn!**

This month #TeamLaCava bids farewell to two team members. This Fall, Kaitlyn Willoughby is

attending Georgetown Law and Ricky Flahive is pursuing his Masters in Education Policy and Analysis at Harvard.

Both Kaitlyn and Ricky have been an integral part of the District 1 office since day 1. While I will miss them both, I enthusiastically support this next step in their lives and careers. I wish them well and look forward to their future contributions to community.

Our office is pivoting to ensure a smooth transition for all.

- University City please contact Krissy Chan at chank@sandiego.gov.
- Carmel Valley, Del Mar Mesa, Torrey Hills, and Pacific Highlands Ranch may please contact Vicky Joes at vcjoes@sandiego.gov.

### **CITYWIDE NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES**

### What Was on the Docket?

(a sampling from 6/14 through 7/18)

| DATE    | ITEM  | VOTE                    | D1 VOTE |
|---------|---|-------------------------|---------|
| 6/14/22 | Direct the City's management team for labor<br>relations to engage in collective bargaining related<br>to a proposed measure to amend the Municipal<br>Code regarding collection, transport, and disposal or<br>recycling of refuse, the "People's Ordinance" | Approved 8-1            | Yes     |
| 6/27/22 | Allocate federal CARES Act Funds for a Safe Parking<br>Program at 3 lots operated by Jewish Family Service,<br>including one open 24-hours.   | Approved<br>Unanimously | Yes     |
| 7/12/22 | Proclaim the month of July 2022, to be "Lesbian, Gay,<br>Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Pride Month"  | Approved<br>Unanimously | Yes     |
| 7/18/22 | Consideration of the City's Use, Acquisition, and Funding of Surveillance Technology  | Approved<br>Unanimously | Yes     |

## Land Use & Housing Committee Advances First-in-the-Nation Childcare Facility

On July 14, as a member of the City Council Land Use and Housing Committee, I supported the City leasing approximately 3,000 square feet of office space and 3,250 square feet of outdoor space to the San Diego Police Officers Association (SDPOA.) The leased space will be used as a childcare facility for sworn San Diego police officers and non-sworn police staff if space is available.

I was proud to help resolve remaining obstacles on the first-in-the-nation childcare facility. When childcare is not available or flexible, we lose trained officers. Thank you, Mayor Gloria and Senate President pro Tem Toni Atkins, for your leadership on negotiations and funding.

## San Diego Community Power (SDCP) Plans Listening Sessions for Residents and Businesses

SDCP is creating its first ever Community Power Plan. The Community Power Plan will identify programs for customers and communities to help address community needs.



To guide this plan and better understand the energy issues our residents face, SDCP will be hosting two listening sessions – one for the public and one for local businesses.

**Public Listening Session** 

When: Tuesday, July 26, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM. Register <u>here</u>.

Local Business Listening Session

When: Thursday, July 21, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Register here.

## Accepting Community Projects, Programs & Services (CPPS) Grant Applications Until July 31

CPPS funding is awarded to non-profit organizations and public agencies for one-time community, social, environmental, cultural, and recreational needs that serve a public purpose.

Last year, District 1 allocated CPPS funding to the Biocom Institute, Jewish Family Service, San Diego Coastkeeper, Moxie Theatre, Feeding San Diego and many others. Also funded were neighborhood watch signs and new Marine St Beach trash bins.

Applications will be accepted no later than July 31, 2022.

Visit <a href="https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cpps">https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cpps</a> or email my CPPS staff member, Carrie Shah, at cshah@sandiego.gov to learn more.

## **OUT AND ABOUT**

This past month, I had the opportunity to:

#### Attend:

- Our lifeguards annual "Start of Summer" breakfast;
- San Diego Housing Federation Annual Ruby Awards;
- San Diego Equality Awards;
- · Voices of our City Choir concert;
- Harper Collins Book Truck outside of Warwick's La Jolla;
- University City UC Preschool Exhibition;
- Multi-Cultural Music Festival;
- Beaumont Street 4th of July Parade;
- University City's annual 4th of July celebration;
- RISE San Diego's Community Impact Showcase;
- Beyster Family Little Blue Penguins Ribbon Cutting at Birch Aguarium;
- A tour of the La Jolla Historical Society at Wisteria Cottage;
- La Jolla Town Council swearing-in ceremony;
- 2022 Spirit of Stonewall VIP Reception, Rally & Awards Ceremony;
- 2022 San Diego Pride Parade as a marching participant.





- Climate Action Campaign's Bloom 2022 event;
- San Diego 350 rally;
- La Jolla Merchants Association;
- Gemdale's Aperture Del Mar & Neurocrine Biosciences Groundbreaking;
- Pacific Highlands Ranch Library Groundbreaking Ceremony;
- A Pure Water site visit with Mayor Gloria, EPA Assistant Administrator for Water, Radhika Fox, and EPA Region 9 Administrator Martha Guzman.

#### Host:

- June "Java with LaCava" at Standley Park in University City:
- Monthly tabling at the La Jolla Open Air Market.

We are here to celebrate your events or speak before your group, please reach out at joelacava@sandiego.gov.



## **DISTRICT 1 GETS IT DONE**

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.

This month #TeamLaCava responded to....

# 759 constituent emails 105 constituent phone calls

### **Community "Win" Monthly Highlights**



Stop Signs Installed at Solterra Vista Parkway and Terrazo Court

City staff installed stop signs at the intersection of Solterra Vista Parkway and Terrazo Court to protect students walking to the new Pacific Sky Elementary School opening this fall. I requested these signs on behalf of the Carmel Valley Community Planning Board, who formally approved them during its October 2021 meeting.

Local Businesses Alerted about Temporary Outdoor Business Operations (TOBO) Changes, Starting 7/13

To help spread the word about changes to the rules regarding TOBOs, my La Jolla community representative and I hit the pavement, distributing printed notices to all restaurants with

outdoor dining. The change, which requires businesses to have or apply for a Spaces as Places permit, went into effect July 14, 2022. Thank you Steve for ensuring our local businesses were aware of this significant change.



#### Villa La Jolla Community Park Beautified

Parks and Recreation beautified the Villa La Jolla Community Park. Parks are more than just grass, they are a central location for the community to freely meet and enjoy. Thank you, City staff improving our neighborhood.





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