

SAN DIEGO CITY COUNCIL

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DISTRICT 4

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I am so honored to serve the Fourth Council District, the community I was born and raised in and continue to call home. I was sworn into office this past April 8th, and since then I have been working hard to continue bringing the voices of our community to the forefront at city hall.

First, we tackled the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. As promised, I fought and restored core services and initiatives that directly impact families in the district. We successfully restored the Community Equity Fund, which will provide funding to flood impacted families for housing. I ask that you keep our impacted families in your prayers as we continue to work through recovery efforts. In June, the mayor signed a budget unanimously approved by the city council. The equity budget wins reflect my commitment to providing a more just allocation of funds, ensuring that we address the pressing needs of our neighborhoods.

In addition, we are diligently continuing our revitalization efforts of the San Diego Black Arts + Culture District. Thank you to Congressman Juan Vargas for his help in securing \$850K for the Marie Widman Memorial Park Improvements and \$850K for a historically disadvantaged small business revitalization program. In addition, I would like to thank Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe for awarding \$130K in discretionary funds for a mural and decorative crosswalks in the San Diego Black Arts + Culture District.

I am humbled for the opportunity to serve and thank you for your continued support. I look forward to working with you to strengthen our neighborhoods.

CITY HALL UPDATES

FY 2025 BUDGET WINS

\$250K: No Shots Fired

\$78K: Come Play Outside

\$784K: San Diego Access 4 All

\$383K: Youth Service Librarians

\$758K: After School Teen Centers

\$500K: Public Power Feasibility Study

\$1M: Youth Care & Development Program

\$1M: Small Business Enhancement Program

\$450K: Arts, Culture, and Community Festivals (ACCF)

\$900K: Community Projects, Programs, and Services (CPPS)

\$3M: Community Equity Fund (Flood Impacted Recovery Program)

Appointment of New Fire-Rescue Department Chief



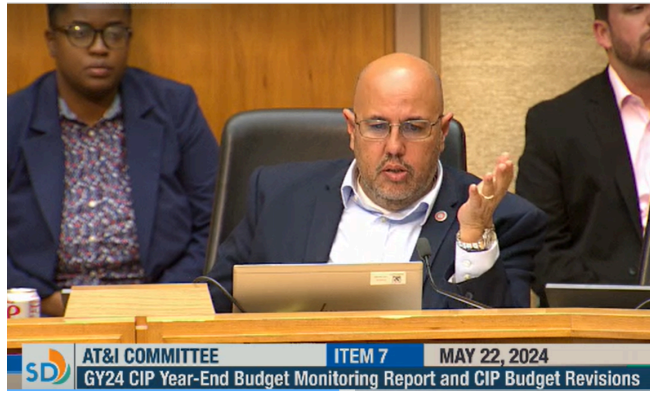
- On June 12, District Four's very own Deputy Fire Chief Robert Logan was appointed as the City of San Diego's Fire-Rescue Department's new Chief. Deputy Fire Chief Logan began his career in 2000 and since then held several positions culminating in 24 years of service. Congratulations Deputy Chief Logan on your new appointment and dedication to keeping our communities safe.

Shot Spotters Are Coming Down in D4



- The City of San Diego entered into a contract for ShotSpotters, electronic devices that monitor streets through audio sensors placed on light poles. The contract expired in 2021, but the sensors remained up in our district in at least five neighborhoods. Correspondence was sent to the mayor's office demanding that the SpotShotters be removed. As of June 11, SpotShotters are beginning to be removed from the following neighborhoods: Lincoln Park, Skyline, Valencia Park, and O'Farrell. Councilmember Foster will continue to endorse measures that keep our neighborhoods safe and ensure appropriate contract administration.

Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Improvement Program Year-End Review



- On May 22, the Active Transportation and Infrastructure Committee voted on the Fiscal Year 24 Capital Improvement Program Year-End Budget Monitoring Report and Capital Improvement Project Budget Revisions. The report presents a semi-annual review and monitoring overview of the City's Capital Improvement Project available allocations and key funding source activity. Councilmember Foster amended the motion to exclude closing the Market-Euclid Street Pitta Improvement Project. This amendment ensured that the project which would provide safety enhancements along the Emerald Hills and Valencia Park corridor remained open. The motion passed in committee and Council unanimously passed the item on June 11.

Appointment of New Police Chief



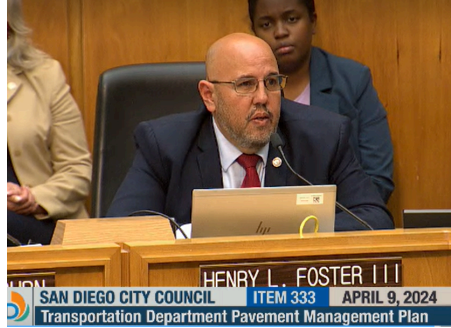
- On May 13, Scott Wahl was appointed as the new Chief of Police. Upon first being nominated Councilmember Foster expressed apprehension on the hiring process and the commitments expressed by the candidate. He voted to not support this appointment. Councilmember Foster met with the candidate on several occasions to discuss the expectations our community has for this role and the work he needs to provide for public safety. He committed to working on internal operations within the department, addressing racial bias in policing, working with the commission on police practices, and violence interruption alternatives like the No Shots Fired program. Following the conversations, Councilmember Foster agreed to support his appointment. He assumed office in June, following the retirement of Chief David Nisleit.

Library Department Launches Program to Erase Library Fines and Fees for Youth



- On April 17, the Council approved a measure, Fresh Start, that would ensure accounts with outstanding library balances, for juvenile accounts, be waived. This is through the support of the Library Foundation SD, who generously pledged to pay off the accounts of the juveniles in collection. Those with accounts that had previously been sent to collections will have the opportunity to work with library staff to bring their accounts back to good standing.

Pavement Management Plan



- On April 9, City Council heard an informational item on the Transportation Department Pavement Management Plan. The plan summarizes the current city-wide street condition and identifies the strategic investment needed. While the plan provided an implementation scenario of investing \$1.9 billion over the next 10 years, it does not sufficiently improve the deteriorating streets in our district. Councilmember Foster expressed his concerns and adamantly noted that the city must create an equity centered plan that prioritizes historically neglected communities with failed streets and unimproved roads. Councilmember Foster further stated that this plan is not ready for implementation. To view the plan, please visit: www.sandiego.gov/transportation/programs/pavement-management-plan

FOSTERING COMMUNITY

San Diego Black Arts + Culture Music Festival



- This year on June 29, we celebrated the 2nd Anniversary of the San Diego Black Arts + Culture District and Black Music Month at the first ever San Diego Black Arts + Culture District Music Festival at Martin Luther King Jr. Community Park. Attendees enjoyed incredible live performances, delicious food, and talented artists. Congratulations to the San Diego African American Museum of Fine Art and San Diego Black Arts + Culture Advisory Board for a successful event and celebration. Looking forward to next year's festival!

Play Day at the Lake



- Play Day at the Lake was a great way to kick-off summer for our community. The event held at Chollas Lake on June 8th included musical performances, food and a fishing derby. Thank you to the Parks and Recreation department, Dr. Leonard Thompson of M.A.N.D.A.T.E. Records, Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe, Open Space, DJ Dandelion, San Diego Young Artist Music Academy and all the talented performers for an amazing day.

Celebrating Juneteenth



- On June 11, I was deeply honored to declare June 19, Juneteenth day. Our community came out in a big way for Juneteenth. We celebrated this momentous holiday every weekend in June, and it was great to see friends, family and colleagues enjoying the festivities. We enjoyed delicious food, art, music and many more family friendly activities. Thank you to all the community leaders, resource and recreation centers that took the time to host events for our community to enjoy. A special thank you to the Cooper Family Foundation for providing over 50 years of celebrations for our city.

Willie Rells Day



- June 11, is proclaimed as Willie Rells Day, through the co-sponsored proclamation with Councilmember Vivian Moreno and Councilmember Kent Lee. Willie Rells, a District 4 native, made impressive and significant contributions to drag racing through his innovative chassis design.

Kumeyaay Land Acknowledgement



- On June 10, the City Council has passed a resolution officially recognizing the City of San Diego sits on Native Kumeyaay Land. Council President Sean Elo-Rivera and the Kumeyaay advocacy group Kanap Kuahan Coalition collaborated on this initiative. This marks the permanent reading of the Land Acknowledgement before every council meeting.

Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month



- On May 14, through a co-sponsored proclamation brought forth with Councilmember Kent Lee, the City of San Diego proclaimed the month of May as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Month.

YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED, PARTICIPATE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

The community meeting directory is located on our website, follow the link below to see the list of community meetings!

<https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd4/communities>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FY25 CPPS and ACCF Grant Opportunities

- As part of our budget wins, for Fiscal Year 2025, funding is now available for the following programs: Community Projects, Programs & Services (CPPS) and Arts, Culture, and Community Festivals (ACCF). Applications for CPPS will be received from July 8, 2024 - August 9, 2024, and ACCF from August 19, 2024 - September 13, 2024. Non-profits and public agencies are asked to apply to fund programs that benefit community, social, environmental, cultural, and recreational needs. Each council office will have the ability to award grant funding to organizations that serve a lawful public use purpose. There will be several informational sessions throughout the open application process. Please follow the link below for more information and details.

<https://www.sandiego.gov/economic-development/nonprofit-programs>

Food 4 Less, Market Creek Plaza: Air Quality Testing



- In June, indoor air testing took place at the Market Creek Plaza due to a possible environmental issue: volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Specifically, inside the Food 4 Less Building. The purpose of this test is to determine whether any contaminants remain in the air from the previous owner's use of the site. Contaminants found at a neighboring location prompted the investigation and results are expected by mid-July. Please follow this link for more information and updates: Market Creek Plaza Environmental Facts (mcpenvironmentalfacts.org).

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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

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- **Parks and Recreation Department: Parks After Dark**, Free Event For Families, Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 5PM - 8PM, Visit the [Event Calendar](#) page for location details.
- **Fiscal Year 2025 Grant Cycle Information Sessions**: Virtual Information Sessions, CPPS, July 29, 2024, 5PM-6PM, ACCF, August 26, 2024, 5PM - 6PM, Meeting Link TBA. More Information: <https://www.sandiego.gov/economic-development/nonprofit-programs>
- **San Diego Pride Celebration**, July 20, 2024, Marston Point., Balboa Park (6th Ave. & Laurel St.)
- **Backpack Giveaway Hosted By Assemblymember Dr. Akilah Weber**, July 20, 2024, 4777 Imperial Ave, San Diego, CA 92113
- **Northgate Back to School - Regreso A Clases**, July 27, 2024, 11AM- 2PM, 1410 43rd St, San Diego, CA 92113

FOSTER FRIDAYS

I would like to hear from you! I will be holding office hours Fridays at the Southeastern Live Well Center located at 5101 Market St., San Diego, CA, 92114, from 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM, by appointment only. Please schedule your appointment in advance to secure availability. Please email me at HenryFoster@sandiego.gov to schedule your appointment.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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- **Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations Committee**
- **Active Transportation and Infrastructure Committee**
- **Community and Neighborhood Services Committee**

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NEED ASSISTANCE WITH A COMMUNITY ISSUE?



Get Help With:

- Trash collection, recycling, & Graffiti
- Streets, sidewalks, & Lights
- Parking & vehicle related issues
- Homeless outreach/encampment
- Trees & vegetation
- Storm water & drains
- Short-term rental occupancies (STROs)
- ADA services
- Passport services

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