



DISTRICT 4  
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# NEWSLETTER



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## CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



(R) Liz Ramirez, CEO of The Chicano Federation

### CHICANO FEDERATION TURNS 55

Congratulations to The Chicano Federation on its 55th anniversary. The organization is a champion for the past, present, and future of San Diego's Chicano movement. On Sept. 20th, The Chicano Federation held its "Celebrando Raíces" event at Mujeres Brewhouse in Logan Heights. It was a great night of fellowship and culture.



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(L) DJ Ana Brown and Cumbia Machin

Also, at The Chicano Federation 55th anniversary party I got to check out DJ Ana Brown and Cumbia Machin perform their signature electro-cumbia deejay set. They are beloved Chicano music acts who played a role in the revival of the music and arts scene in Barrio Logan. Congratulations on their music milestones.



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## CHICANO POP-UP ART EXHIBIT

On Sept. 16th, San Diego City Clerk Diana J.S. Fuentes invited the public to a pop-up art exhibit to showcase the Chicano Movement in San Diego. The exhibit, "Telling Our Stories: The Chicano Movement in San Diego," is a collaboration between the City Clerk Archives and The Chicano Park Museum and Cultural Center. The exhibit was shown in the lobby of the City Administration Building in Downtown San Diego.

The exhibit included documentarian-style photographs taken during the historic 1970 Chicano Park Takeover. Also on display were mini-sculptures of the Chicano Park mural freeway pillars. The murals of Chicano Park are one of San Diego's crown jewels in public art and one of the largest collections of Chicano art in the U.S. The exhibit wrapped up Oct. 18th.



# FOSTERING COMMUNITY



## GRANDPARENT'S DAY IN THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

On Sept. 8th, the Council proclaimed it "Grandparent's Day" in the City of San Diego. The proclamation landed the same week the organization "Grandparents Connection" celebrated its 20th anniversary. Mr. Clifford Lambert and Mrs. Shearl Lambert of the "Grandparent's Connection" joined me in Council Chambers to celebrate the proclamation. I want to give a special thanks to all the grandparents who help to improve the lives of grandchildren in our community.



## **WORKSHOPS FOR WARRIORS GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY**

On Sept. 13th, I attended a groundbreaking ceremony with my colleagues for the Workshops for Warriors (WFW) new building facility. The construction of a new WFW site means good jobs for our local veterans. The new site will be complete with a VetPowered Advanced Manufacturing Facility and Workshops for Warriors Training Center. The WFW nonprofit offers veterans advanced manufacturing careers training programs.



## A MID-AUTUMN MOON FESTIVAL

On Sept. 14th, The Friends of the Oak Park Library organized a Mid-Autumn Moon Festival. The cultural event explores Asian traditions and honors the people who live in Oak Park. Families witnessed a vibrant and energetic Lion Dance performance by the local White Dragons Martial Arts Group. I had a great time with everyone. I want to thank the three high school students who volunteered their time to help make this event so special. I awarded them with commendations for their dedication to cultural community events.



## **THE GIFT OF LIBRARIES**

On Sept. 14th, I attended the "Gift Day 2024 Fundraiser" event at the Malcolm X Library. The money raised goes towards the library's goals in literacy, education, technology, community, and cultural programs. Thank you to the Friends of the Malcolm X Library, who keep the library going strong for the Valencia Park community.

# CITY HALL UPDATES



## #ONEJOBSHOULDBEENOUGH

On Sept. 17th, I voted in favor of Item S506 Resolution Supporting UNITE HERE! Local 30 Workers in their fight for fair and just negotiations for hotel and food service workers. Sept. 17th also marked day 17 of their labor strike for better wages in San Diego. As you may know, hospitality workers are the backbone of San Diego's tourism economy.

**“ Making a decision to strike is a very difficult decision as it comes with a personal sacrifice. We need to embrace the courage of the members of UNITE HERE! ”**





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## **GET IT DONE/ SALESFORCE PLATFORM APPLICATION CONTRACT**

On Sept. 10th, Council heard an item on the First Amendment to the Get It Done/Salesforce Application Contract. During the presentation, the Performance & Analytics Department (PandA) shared they would conduct outreach as they work on improvements for the system. I urged PandA to conduct more community outreach in District Four. The Get It Done app serves as the system of record for constituent requests and, therefore, must be user-friendly and a high-performing tool that can deliver data on our City's most pressing needs such as potholes, street repair, brush abatement and much more. Additional input on this app will help to prioritize the needs of the app's users. The Council voted to extend and expand the contract with Deloitte Consulting, which supports the Get It Done app.

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## **2020 DISPARITY STUDY IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE**

Also, on Sept. 10th, the Council received an update from the Purchasing and Contracting Department on the implementation of the 2020 Disparity Study Recommendations. The disparity study was commissioned to further address the disparities in city contracting with minority-owned firms and women-owned firms. Historically, the City of San Diego has awarded less than 1% of its contracts to African American firms. During the hearing, I strongly expressed my concerns with the delays in fully implementing the recommendations of the disparity study, specifically the unbundling of projects to allow greater opportunity and inclusion of our minority-owned and women-owned businesses. I also requested the Independent Budget Analyst provide an analysis of the resources needed to fully implement the recommendations. My office is committed to ensuring that leadership and staff remain focused on implementing these recommendations and ensuring economic opportunity for all.

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## **THE LIBRARY PARKING MANAGEMENT CONTRACT**

On Sept. 23rd, the Council heard an item on the Extension of the Parking Management Contract for the Central Library. Due to the under-representations noted in the proposed contractor's workforce report, I voted no on the contract and requested a compliance review be conducted. With my no vote, the item did not pass and was returned to staff. I strongly expressed concern regarding the lack of oversight of the City's Equal Employment Opportunity Outreach Program and indicated we must take the program seriously. The City of San Diego is obligated to ensure we are not doing business with firms that actively or passively participate in discriminatory hiring practices.

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## **THE 2024 ANNUAL REPORT ON HOMES**

Also, on Sept. 24th, the 2024 Annual Report on Homes was presented the City Council. The report provides a detailed update on the City of San Diego's progress in meeting housing needs citywide. It also monitors building permit activity and documents the affordability and location of new housing units coming online by income level.

I requested City staff return with a more defined plan to mitigate the concentration of poverty, specifically in District Four, as most housing units received are 100% deed-restricted affordable units. I stand committed to ensuring we continue to build a balanced and sustainable District. We must provide more housing opportunities for working families, such as our teachers and first responders. I look forward to working with all stakeholders on solutions for fair and equitable development in San Diego, especially in District Four.

# CELEBRATION OF LIFE



## **JAMES "ERIC" HEREFORD**

***SUNRISE: NOVEMBER 29, 1949 - SUNSET: AUGUST 29, 2024***

This month, we celebrate the life of my fraternity brother, James "Eric" Hereford. Eric was a devoted family man, a dedicated public servant, a U.S. Coast Guard veteran, and a proud Life Member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Eric made his mark in San Diego politics, which took him all the way to the State Capitol. His political career spans more than 30 years with the California State Assembly Speaker's Office, where he served with the first Black Speaker of the California Assembly, Willie Brown. Eric is a founding member for the San Diego Chapter of the Black American Political Association of California, where he also served as this year's board member.

His great love in life was his wife, Patricia. They were married for 43 years. Together, they raised three wonderful children. May he be a guiding light to all of us as public servants. Phi Nu Pi, my good brother.



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

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## **October is Kids Free San Diego**

Kids aged 12 and under receive free admission with a paid adult to more than 50 of San Diego County's favorite museums, historic sites, aquariums, gardens, and more.

Visit [sandiegomuseumcouncil.org](http://sandiegomuseumcouncil.org) for more info.

## **City of San Diego Board & Commission Lunch + Learn Webinar**

Oct. 23, Wed., 12 PM - 1 PM

Virtual Meeting, Registration link [here](#).

## **Public Safety Dispatcher Career Fair**

Oct. 24 Thurs., 9 AM - 2 PM

Casa Del Prado, 1650 El Prado, San Diego, CA 92101

## **Creepy Thursday**

Oct. 24, Thurs., 5 PM - 8 PM

Encanto Recreation Center, 6508 Wunderlin Avenue, San Diego, CA 92114

## **Halloween Carnival**

Oct. 25, Fri., 5 PM - 7:30 PM

Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center, 6401 Skyline Drive, San Diego, CA 92115

## **Halloween Carnival**

Oct. 26, Sat., 11AM - 1PM

Mountain View Community Center, 641 South Boundary Street, San Diego, CA 92113

## **Halloween Carnival**

Oct. 30, Wed., 6 PM - 8 PM

Willie Henderson Sports Complex, 1035 S. 45th Street, San Diego, CA 92113

## **Trunk or Treat Event**

Oct. 31, Tues., 5PM - 8PM

151 YMCA Way, San Diego, CA 92102

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## SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: TACOS EL PAISA

### IT TAKES A VILLAGE & LOTS OF BURRITOS

Tacos El Paisa does more than just serve tacos and burritos. The family-owned restaurant knows how to serve the community when times are tough. Restaurant owner Cesar de Santiago jumped into action during the devastation of the Jan. 22nd floods. Tacos El Paisa donated burritos over a course of three days to help feed flood victims and volunteers during the recovery efforts in Encanto.

"I am proud to be a part of the Southeast community," Cesar says. "We are all about family." Tacos El Paisa has been a food staple in Lincoln Park for nearly 30 years.

***Tacos El Paisa is located at 840 S. 47th St, San Diego, CA 92113.***

# FOSTER FRIDAYS

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I would like to hear from you. I will be holding office hours on Fridays at the Southeastern Live Well Center located at 5101 Market Street, San Diego, CA, 92114, from 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM.

Email me to schedule an appointment: [HenryFoster@san Diego.gov](mailto:HenryFoster@san Diego.gov)

## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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Budget and Government Efficiency Committee  
Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations Committee  
Active Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
Community and Neighborhood Services Committee

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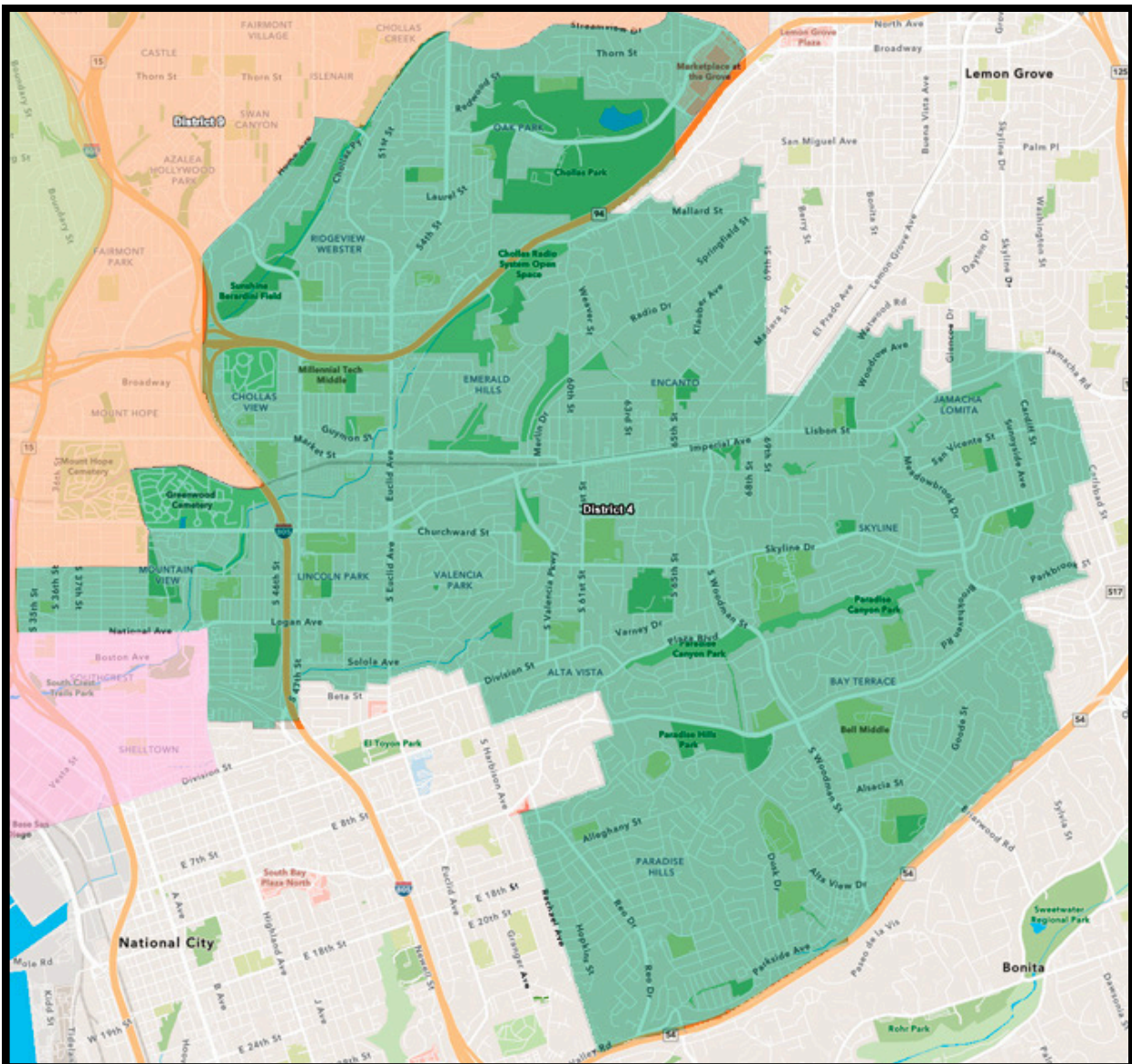
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# DISTRICT 4 MAP

**District 4** is comprised of 18 communities. It includes: Alta Vista, Broadway Heights, Chollas View, Emerald Hills, Encanto, Greater Skyline Hills, Jamacha, Lincoln Park, Lomita Village, Mountain View, North Bay Terraces, O'Farrell, Oak Park, Paradise Hills, Ridgeview, South Bay Terraces, Valencia Park, and Webster. This includes zip codes: 92102, 92105, 92113, 92114, 92115, and 92139.

**We are the home of the Black Arts + Culture District.**



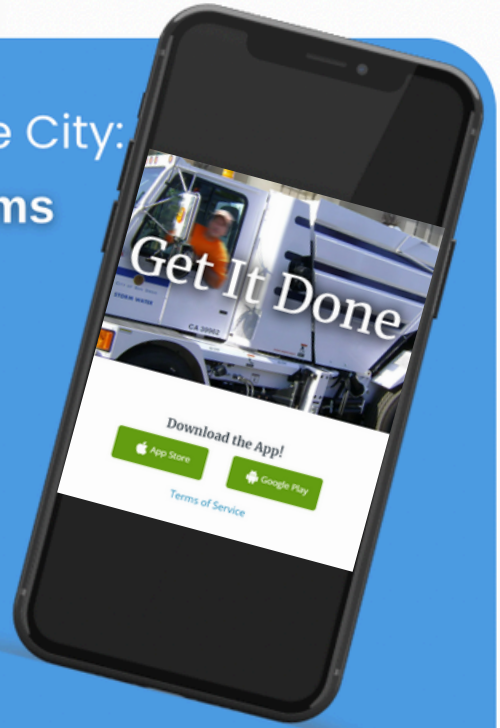


# Get It Done

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- Report non-emergency problems
- Schedule appointments
- Obtain information

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