



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

OFFICE OF CITY COUNCILMEMBER HENRY L. FOSTER III  
FOURTH COUNCIL DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 11, 2025  
TO: Honorable Mayor Todd Gloria, City of San Diego  
FROM: Henry L. Foster III, Councilmember, City of San Diego, Fourth District  
SUBJECT: Urgent Request for Stormwater Debris Clearance in Channels and Drains

My office's November 18, 2024, memorandum underscored the critical need for proactive stormwater management and storm preparedness in District Four. Specific recommendations included regular maintenance of stormwater infrastructure and timely clearing of blockages and debris in high-risk areas, including channels and drains.

This memorandum formally requests the Stormwater Department to clear debris from the below-identified channels and drains in District Four, as identified in the following pending **GET IT DONE** reports entered January 2025:

- **#05077856** – Location: 5595 Stevens Way
- **#05077852** – Location: 5545 Stevens Way
- **#05077750** – Location: 6901–6935 Akins Ave
- **#05077744** – Location: 6943–6999 Akins Ave

The accumulation of debris in these locations continues to exacerbate flood risks, especially given the recent history of storm-related property damage and the propensity for heavy rain this season. Immediate action is necessary to prevent further damage.

As previously noted in the original memorandum, the flooding event on January 22, 2024, caused significant property damage and resident displacement across San Diego. The County recorded over 2,600 initial reports of storm-related damage, including 431 homes classified as majorly impacted. This continues to highlight the urgent need for targeted, preventative stormwater management in District Four to protect vulnerable areas and ensure the safety of residents.

The identified debris-filled channels represent localized, preventable hazards that, if addressed, would mitigate the risk of flooding and property damage. While improvements

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have been made, these specific reports indicate gaps that must be addressed to ensure the safety of District Four residents.

By prioritizing clearing blockages and debris from channels and drains, the City of San Diego can improve its stormwater management, reduce flood risks, and better protect District Four residents in preparation for future storm events. Addressing these debris-filled channels aligns with the City's commitment to proactive stormwater management and protecting vulnerable communities. While this list of pending GET IT DONE reports does not exhaustively list the impacted channels and drains, it highlights key immediate areas that need attention.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Attachments: 1. GET IT DONE Report

cc: Paola Avila, Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor  
Eric Dargan, Chief Operating Officer, Office of the Mayor  
Charles Modica, Independent Budget Analyst  
Kris McFadden, Deputy Chief Operating Officer of Infrastructure  
Todd Snyder, Director of Stormwater, City of San Diego  
Daniel Horton, Chief of Staff, Office of Councilmember Henry L. Foster III

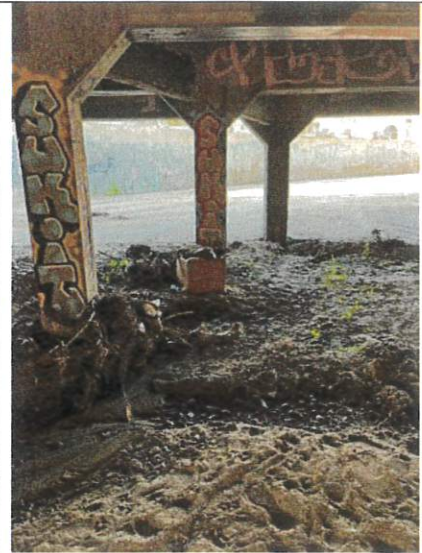
**ATTACHEMENT 1: GET IT DONE REPORTS**



Location: Photo #1



Location Photo #2



Location: Photo #3

Concerning Issue: Blocked Channels (Entered: 1/19/25; In process as of 2.11.25)

Get It Done Report #05078690

Current Status: Estimated resolution time -90 days

Location Photo #1: 42nd street channel cleared

Location Photo #2: Underneath National Street Bridge

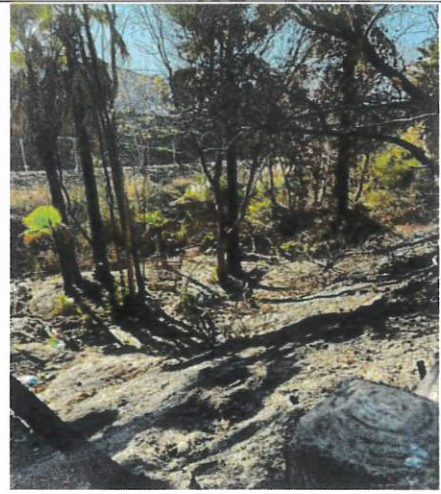
Location Photo #3: Underneath National Street Bridge



Location # Photo 1



Location # Photo 2



Location #3

Concerning Issue: Blocked Channels (Entered: 1/18/25; In process as of 2.11.25)

Get it done report #05077856

Location for Photos #1, 2, 3: 5595 Stevens Way



Concerning Issue: Blocked Channels (Entered: 1/18/25; In process as of 2.11.25)  
Get it done report #05077852  
Location of Photos, 5545 Stevens Way



Concerning Issue: Blocked Channels (Entered: 1/18/25; In process as of 2.11.25)  
Get it done report #05077744  
Location of Photos:6943-6999 Akins Ave



Photo #1



Photo #2



Photo #3



Concerning Issue: Blocked Channels (Entered: 1/18/25; In process as of 2.11.25)  
Get it Done report #05077750  
Location of Photos: 6901-6935 Akins Ave