

Homelessness

- Safe Parking Program with JFS approved unanimously by Council to expand hours at Mission Valley site to 24 hours (Kearney Mesa sites open 6pm – 7am every day)
 - \$1.43 million to expand program through June 30, 2023; \$440,000 to extend hours
- City of San Diego is looking at additional facilities to expand the Safe Parking Program.
- Palm Avenue non-congregate shelter will temporarily provide a place to live for unsheltered San Diegans who have access to a housing voucher or a pathway to permanent supportive housing
 - 22 available rooms, shared kitchen and communal spaces, laundry facilities, case management and meeting rooms
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- New women's shelter opens
 - Known as Rachel's Promise and operated by the Catholic Charities Diocese of San Diego, the 40-bed shelter is part of Mayor Gloria's continued efforts to ensure there are suitable shelters for the various unsheltered populations to come in off the streets and connect them with supportive services and a path to housing. Over the past year, more than 700 people have been placed directly from our shelters into permanent or longer-term homes.
 - Prior to Rachel's Promise, our administration had already increased the number of shelter beds available by 25% since last April. Each week, they're over 92% filled. That's well over 1,200 people who aren't spending the night unsafe on sidewalks.
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- The Mayor and Homeless Strategies and Solutions Department has launched their website containing resources, metrics and information about the City's efforts to support its homeless population.

<https://www.sandiego.gov/homelessness-strategies-and-solutions>

Infrastructure

- The Mayor's [2023 Ready to Rebuild Budget](#) includes a total of \$77 million in the coming fiscal year, with another \$12.8 million to fix sidewalks in 600 locations around the city, improve traffic flows at intersections, and remove graffiti and weeds.

Public Safety

- **Public safety** was *fully* funded in the [2023 Ready to Rebuild Budget](#) as the City has reached labor agreements w/ all 6 represented public safety employee groups

- Additionally the City has allocated \$100,000 for San Diego Police Department to enhance recruitment efforts

Privacy Ordinance (passed first reading on 7/18, will come back for second reading in the next few weeks)

- Mayor Todd Gloria is one step closer to completing another important initiative to improve City services and public safety with the City Council’s approval of the Privacy Ordinance, a set of regulations aimed at providing transparency and public input about all of the technology the City uses to measure and monitor activity in the public domain.
- With the Privacy Ordinance in place, critical law enforcement tools such as streetlight cameras will again be in use – with guidance on how data collected may be used.
- Privacy Ordinance mandates that:
 - City departments consult with the newly established Privacy Advisory Board on their plans to acquire or use surveillance or monitoring technology; establish that the benefits of the technology outweigh their costs;
 - conduct public hearings in each of the affected City Council districts on the use of the technology as well as policies around the access to and use of data collected;
 - obtain City Council approval for acquisition of surveillance technology;
 - and report annually to the Privacy Advisory Board to ensure the use of approved technologies and data met the conditions prescribed during approval.
- Monitoring technology includes cameras that help detect wildfires early, track usage of public trails by both people and wildlife, and cameras that support law enforcement’s efforts to prevent, respond to and solve crimes.

“Parks After Dark” Community Events ([press release](#))

- Free community events across San Diego to bring communities together and create safer neighborhoods by turning neighborhood parks into community festivals
 - Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights from 6-9pm (July 14-August 27)
 - City Heights, Linda Vista, and Skyline Hills Recreation Centers
- Live entertainment, activities for all ages, games, and free meals for kids will be provided as part of the [“Come Play Outside” program](#)

- Created with a \$500,000 grant from the County of San Diego, and made possible with the support of the City of San Diego, the County of San Diego, and Price Philanthropies Foundation
 - Based on a similar program in LA County that has been bringing communities together for over a decade, which helped to facilitate a 32% decrease in serious and violent crimes in the first three parks to host similar programs
- Parks After Dark [activities schedule](#)

Office of the Mayor

New Chief Operating Officer Announced ([press release](#))

- Jay Goldstone, the current COO, is leaving in November and being replaced by Eric Dargan
 - Dargan, the current COO for the City of Houston's Public Works Department, has more than 20 years of experience in public service
- City Council hearing in September to confirm his appointment, and if he is confirmed, he will begin on Nov. 1

Office of Immigrant Affairs launched July 1 ([press release](#))

- Rita Fernandez (former Director of Global Affairs) appointed by Mayor Todd Gloria as the Office's first Executive Director
- The new office will focus on implementing the Welcoming San Diego [strategic plan](#), workforce development for the immigrant population, promoting inclusive resources for the integration process, advocating for immigrant rights, and developing a language access plan
- [Welcoming SD website](#)

Job Opportunities

- The Mayor has launched "Employ + Empower" to provide 1,000 youth with paid positions at the City. Learn more [here](#).
 - I assisted in developing this program and getting it across the finish line at Council, so if anybody has any questions or wants me to come speak to an org or group of students, please send them my way!
- The City is hiring for various positions, to look through the available job postings visit the [Employment Opportunities](#) page.