



El Cerrito Community Newsletter

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El Cerrito Community Council Meeting APRIL 19, 2018 7:00PM PARISH HALL



REPRESENTATIVES FROM SDSU PRESENT ITS PLANS FOR SAN DIEGO COUNTY CREDIT UNION STADIUM SITE

Join us for a presentation by representatives of San Diego State University on its development proposal for the 166-acre Mission Valley site, home of the current San Diego County Credit Union Stadium.

The site of the San Diego County Credit Union Stadium in Mission Valley has two proposals on the City's November 2018 ballot for development of the 166 acre parcel of land, recently appraised at Mayor Faulconer's direction, with an approximated value of \$83,000,000 for just the stadium site. If the Charger's former headquarters property in Murphy Canyon is included, the appraisal value is estimated at \$110,000,000.

The two proposals are known as the SDSU plan and the SoccerCity plan. Both are general plans at this point. The November vote will determine which group, if either, is awarded the development of the entire 166 acre site. There is a possibility that neither plan will receive the required number of votes, in which case the

other plans for the City owned property will have to be made. We plan to have SoccerCity present its plan for us at a future meeting.

Both the SDSU and SoccerCity plans include a stadium with seating to fulfill the capacity needs of SDSU and professional soccer games. Both will be able to accommodate an NFL stadium, if it turns out that San Diego gets a team in the future.

The SoccerCity plans include development of a 34 acre riverfront park at a cost of \$20,000,000 - \$40,000,000. SDSU plans do not include the 34 acre riverfront park and leave the land to be owned by the City and otherwise developed.

SDSU has not accepted or rejected the appraisal provided to the Mayor, and may ask the City Council for a new appraisal and negotiate the price if its proposal wins. The SoccerCity plan has accepted the \$83,000,000 - \$110,000,000 appraisal.

Many of the residents in El Cerrito and the other College Area neighborhoods were thinking that the new Campus West site would help alleviate the lack of student housing problem that has created mini-dorms in the single family zoned community and allow the houses to return to homes for families, which are also in short supply in the City.

However, SDSU's current plans say the Campus West expansion "would include housing for **upper-division and graduate-level students**, as well as provide workforce and low-income housing" so it does not currently appear that the SDSU expansion plan will be offering housing to undergraduate students after all and the lack of student housing problems will remain.



We are pleased to announce that all of the people who were running for election to the El Cerrito Board were elected at our March meeting. Congratulations to all!!

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| Mark Deadrick | Vanessa Dangerfield |
| B.J. Nystrom | Denise Padilla |
| Laura Riebau | Tom Silva |
| Jim Westheimer | Alex Zukas |

ECCC MAY 17th MEETING ON HOMELESSNESS IN EL CERRITO

A group of residents attended our March meeting and voiced concerns about recent problems with homeless people in the neighborhood and requested a meeting be put together for the community on the topic. Part of the concerns were the varying degrees of what some consider to be kindness versus heartlessness and concerns on kindness only encouraging more homeless people into the community and creating problems.

So, our May meeting is going to be on homelessness. We are going to get some experts to attend who can help us know what rights community members have, what rights homeless people have and what the police and organizations can and cannot do regarding homeless people in the community.

As many of us know the homeless situation is complex. Our City Council and various organizations specifically for homeless outreach are working hard for solutions. They have been working on this topic for a long time and are continuing to do so.

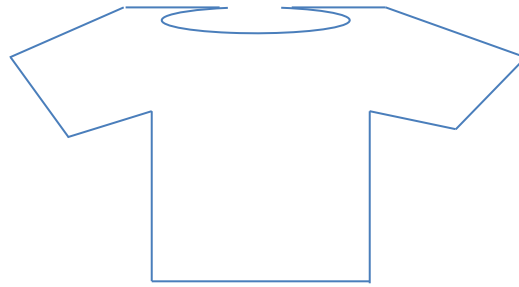
Many community members throughout the City are not at all happy with some of the plans, including storage facilities for the belongings of the homeless and providing homeless housing. Their concerns are for the safety of their families and community and the devaluation of their neighborhoods.

On the other side are many people who want very much to help the homeless with shelter, money, clothing and food.

There is no single response or answer, partly because a full spectrum of homelessness exists. There are those who want shelter, help, a way to make money and end their homelessness, to those who simply want to be left alone to make their own way and will not go to a shelter and everything in between. There are also homeless people who have serious substance abuse and mental health problems.

Health is also a concern. San Diego went through a serious Hepatitis A outbreak last year continuing into this year caused by the filth that is created by homeless people not having adequate access to toilets and water and those who take drugs indiscriminately sharing needles and other drug paraphernalia. This outbreak created a need for immunization shots for the homeless community as well as for many of those who come into contact with the homeless on a regular basis.

We do not think that there will be consensus among the community for a single response to this issue, but we want all of us to know the best way to deal with the variety of issues that could come up and what you can do and expect from the police and other organizations dedicated to helping with the homeless issues, so please join us – Thursday, May 17th, 7:00pm.



EL CERRITO T-SHIRTS FOR SALE-\$17.00

The ECCC Board wanted to have matching T-Shirts for our booth at the upcoming Rolando Street Fair, so we had some made. The minimum order is 25 and so we have about a dozen extras and will be selling them on a first-come, first-sold basis. The available shirts are black with a two-color logo in our website colors.

We are planning to make more runs, so if we do not have your size or you prefer a different shirt color, we will take orders based on community interest. The shirts will be available at the April meeting.



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FOLLOWING ECCC EVENTS
THE FOLLOWING MEETING PROGRAMS ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGES

April 19th – SDSU PRESENTS ITS PLANS FOR CAMPUS WEST IN MISSION VALLEY

May 17th – Homelessness in the community; Information and advice from experts.

June 21st – Home security, including new, interactive systems.

FUTURE DATE - we are working on getting SoccerCity to present its plans for Mission Valley for our consideration for the upcoming November elections.



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For more information, please visit

<https://www.urbancorpssd.org/become-a-corpsmember>

Applicants will be required to take and pass a drug test before being hired.



• USED SPORTS EQUIPMENT FOR CRAWFORD

- If you have unused sports equipment sitting around your home and garage, neighbor, Lorna Zukas, would like to help you donate it to Crawford High School - give her a call at 619-286-3890 with questions and to make arrangements.

• KEEP CRAWFORD SPORTS FIELDS SAFE -

If you notice activity at or around the new Crawford sports fields that does not seem right, lights on past 7:00 too many nights, people hanging around on the fields after organized games and events are over, etc., please contact Mark at markesolo@hotmail.com. He is helping the El Cerrito neighborhood track bad activity to help the schools keep control over their property and the neighborhood be better for all of us.

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NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING
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**SDSU PRESENTAION
OF MISSION VALLEY PLANS
FOR CAMPUS WEST**

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