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February 1, 2024

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Encinitas Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center

Tony Kranz

Mayor

RE: Government Affairs Council Meeting

Dear Corrine,

Here are the updates on behalf of the City of Encinitas which were shared as part of the Government Affairs Council Meeting on February 1, 2024.

Allison Blackwell

Deputy Mayor

Homeless Outreach Program for Empowerment (HOPE Team)

The City has established a HOPE team which responds to reports of homelessness issues or situations and consists of City homelessness personnel, a representative from the Sheriff department, and a County social work.

Reports of non-emergency homeless issues can be made on the City's MyEncinitas App with a response of how the report was addressed sent to you within 24 to 48 hours.

Number of Homeless Individuals Serviced in 2023 - (PEH) - People Experiencing Homelessness

- 81 PEH were successfully housed in rental units that meet their needs and budget.
- 20 PEH were offered/accepted gainful employment through the efforts of HSM.
- 36 PEH were successfully placed in a temporary shelter through the efforts of HSM.
- 92 PEH were referred to community partners for intake process, resources, and rental assistance/funding.
- 33 PEH were provided employment preparedness assistance: resume, interview, and application process.
- 79 PEH were assisted with application process for County social services and programs.
- 88 PEH were assisted with developing a Stabilization Plan to assist with achieving short/long-term goals.

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Council Member

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City Manager

Buena Creek Navigation Center

One of the City's goals of the Homeless Action Plan (HAP) is to enhance interim housing capacity for the operation of an emergency shelter that reflect national best practices.

The City has partnered with the City of Vista to establish the Buena Creek Navigation Center (BCNC), a low barrier navigation center for adults in North County San Diego, near the City of Vista.

On January 24, 2024, the City Council unanimously approved the Buena Creek Navigation Center (BCNC) creating the first joint venture of its kind in North County San Diego. The BCNC consists of 24 rooms with the capacity to serve up to 48 adults.

Encinitas will have exclusive use of six rooms and 12 beds. The BCNC will provide year-round support, holistic services and trauma-informed care to adults experiencing homelessness that want to develop a plan to identify a path toward long-term rehabilitation and stable housing.

Outdoor Dining Update

On December 20, 2023, staff presented an outdoor dining item to City Council regarding new state legislation (AB 1217), preliminary options from the coastal parking study, and desired modifications to current outdoor dining permitting processes. After public comment and deliberation, the Council provided staff the following direction on outdoor dining:

1. Extend temporary outdoor dining to July 1, 2026, or until a permanent ordinance is adopted and in effect, whichever comes first (pursuant to AB 1217)
2. Prepare a permanent outdoor dining ordinance
3. Require a leasing fee for the use of public parking spaces as outdoor dining (but not for sidewalk space)
4. Develop design standards that include safety and aesthetics (including requiring aesthetic wrap of K-rail barriers)
5. Include no limit on the number of outdoor dining establishments per block
6. Increase the downtown parking limit from two to three hours
7. Remove inactive/unpermitted outdoor dining establishments
8. Ensure that converted parking be used exclusively for seating

We currently have three types of permits: Temporary Encroachment Permits (public space), Temporary Use Permits (private space), and Sidewalk Dining Permits. Planning is working with Code Enforcement and Engineering staff to undergo an extensive review of all outdoor dining establishments, which is the first step to removing the inactive/unpermitted establishments. Staff is also compiling accurate contact information for each establishment.

Staff is in the process of researching aesthetic design standards and leasing fees. Further, they are meeting with the parking study consultant CR Associates next week to discuss finalizing the study. Staff is tentatively planning to bring an outdoor dining item back to the City Council in April to respond to the Council's direction.

Sincerely,

Allison Blackwell
Deputy Mayor
City of Encinitas

Encinitas Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee

February 1, 2024

- I'm sure you all have heard of the exciting news that the long-planned Army Corps of Engineers sand replenishment project is getting underway here in Encinitas.
 - Congressman Levin delivered \$30.5 million dollars for this project.
 - Once the dredging is done in Solana Beach, they will start putting sand on Beacon's Beach.
 - The project will place 340,000 cubic yards of sand.
 - And then it will repeat every 5 years for the next 50 years.
 - This is just a game changer for our beaches and we're hoping to replicate it for more beaches throughout our area.
- Last week, Congressman Levin announced a new federal grant of \$53.8 million dollars to the North County Transit District for the San Dieguito railroad bridge replacement project.
 - This will pay for the replacement of that 108-year-old bridge over the San Dieguito Lagoon at the Del Mar Fairgrounds, and allow double-tracking of the rail through that area.
 - The project also includes the construction of a special events platform at the Del Mar Fairgrounds, so folks can take the train directly to the Fair and the races.
 - This project is also important as it is a precursor to the necessary relocation of the rail line as it goes south into Del Mar, where it is currently perched on the precarious and eroding coastal bluffs.
- This week, we also unveiled a new interactive map of federal project funding for every city in our district.
 - This is a first-of-a-kind among Congressional offices.
 - The map shows projects that together total \$835 million in federal dollars delivered by Congressman Levin to our district in the past 5 years.
 - This includes over \$51 million dollars for projects in Encinitas, including the Leucadia Streetscape Drainage Improvements, which we all know is so important especially as we face these El Nino rains.
 - Check out the map at Levin.House.Gov/Map.

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- Yesterday, we announced the January Constituents of the Month were Encinitas residents Ted and Carla DeBont.
 - Ted and Carla reached out to Congressman Levin after seeing their health insurance premiums double after Ted aged into Medicare.
 - Because of their story, he introduced the *Health Insurance Premium Fairness Act* to close a loophole in the ACA, and help married couples when one spouse ages into Medicare and the other remains in the ACA marketplace plan.
- Finally, I want to mention a new bill that Congressman Levin introduced last month.
 - This is the Veteran Hunger Coordination Act.
 - This bill was introduced with Republican Derrick Van Orden of Wisconsin.
 - The sad reality is that many low-income veterans are less likely to participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (or SNAP) than the overall low-income U.S. population.
 - The bill would help connect veterans with programs and resources to get vital nutrition assistance.
 - Congressman Levin strongly believes that anyone who served our country should never struggle to feed themselves or their family, and this bill is one more step toward that goal.
- Thank you!



Legislative Update - February 1, 2024

LOSSAN RAIL CORRIDOR: As Chair of the Senate LOSSAN Rail Corridor Resiliency Subcommittee of the Transportation Committee, Senator Blakespear continues to take the lead on increasing coordination among the many stakeholders who participate in the operations of the 351-mile corridor from San Luis Obispo to San Diego. With another bluff failure in San Clemente last week and the closure of the rail line, the urgency of improving the efficiency and resiliency of the rail corridor has been elevated. The Senator has held three public hearings, met with elected, railroad and agency leaders and worked with Congressman Levin to increase state support for coordination and federal funding for improvements.

LEGISLATION: Senator Blakespear is planning to introduce legislation this term that addresses her priorities issues that including transportation, gun violence prevention, housing, environment, and women's rights. Since the session began in January, she has introduced three bills and is co-authoring an Assembly bill.

- **LACTATION ACCESS IN COURTHOUSES** would require courts starting in January 2026 to grant reasonable break times during court proceeding for an attorney or other person to express breast milk. (SB 949)
- **STREAMLINE BIKE LANE PROJECTS** removes unnecessary delays in the development of bike lanes for coastal cities and counties. Encinitas is considering support of this bill at their meeting on February 14.
- **LOW INCOME HOUSING** requires cities and counties to have a plan to provide homeless serving housing to the number of unhoused people tallied in the annual point in time count and to submit a Housing Obligation Plan to Housing and Community Development Dept, update the plan annually and post it on their website. (SB7)
- **REPEAL OF INCOME-BASED CHARGE TO UTILITY BILLS.** The Senator is co-authoring a bill by Assemblymember Irwin's to repeal the income-based fixed charge to utility payments. (AB 205)

STATE BUDGET DEFICIT: The Senator is participating in the ongoing review of the Governor's proposed budget that addresses an estimated \$38 billion deficit. The state is required to pass a balanced budget every year. Through cost savings, spending reductions and the use of rainy-day funds, they will succeed.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE SENATOR'S NEWSLETTER to stay informed about her legislation and activities, and events. <https://sd38.senate.ca.gov/contact/updates>

JOIN THE SENATOR'S CALIFORNIA BOOK CLUB featuring books that impact and reflect the California experience. The book club will discuss Mecca by Susan Straight via Zoom on Saturday, April 6th at 11:00 AM. Sign up at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdtbCpIiWZ1kU622snA9jZQtY5EJWnS9HvbUZXvsyVqbX_49Q/viewform

HONORING WOMEN WHO INSPIRE; Nominate a women in the community who they admire for their service and/or achievements. The Senator will recognize the Woman of Year and honor all the nominees during Women's Month in March. Link is coming soon.

Encinitas Chamber of Commerce Legislative Update
Assemblymember Tasha Boerner – AD 77
February 2023

Committee Assingments:

- New Assignments:
 - Higher Education
 - Emergency Management
 - Public Employees & Retirement
- Retained Assignments:
 - Communications and Conveyance (Chair)
 - Military and Veterans Affairs
- Former Assignments:
 - Health
 - Local Government

Re-introduction of Assembly Bills:

- AB 1992: Blue Carbon Projects in Coastal Developments (Formerly known as AB 45)
 - The bill would authorize the California Coastal Commission to add blue carbon demonstration projects to the suite of factors it considers for potential mitigation when approving coastal development permits, where feasible
 - Encinitas' San Elijo Lagoon was the inspiration behind this bill
 - This bill was re-introduced in January
- AB 530: E-Bike License and Training Program (will be assigned a different bill number)
 - The bill would require a license for e-bike riders without an active driver's license
 - Prohibits persons under 12 years old from riding e-bikes
 - Establishes local diversion and community service programs as an equitable alternative to ticketing riders without a valid license/state issued photo ID
 - To be reintroduced in February

Women of Impact Nominations:

- In honor of Women's History month, Assemblymember Tasha Boerner is calling for nominations to spotlight the efforts our extraordinary women within district 77
- Requirements: Women of all ages who live, work, attend school, or volunteer in the 77th Assembly District
- 9 Nomination Categories:
 - Advocacy & Activism, Military Community, Health & Human Services, Education, Community Service & Volunteerism, Civic Engagement, Business & Entrepreneurship, Arts, Young Leader (High School Award)
- Please submit your nominations on our website: <https://a77.asmdc.org/2024-women-impact-nominations>
- Important dates:
 - Submission deadline: March 1, 2024
 - Award Ceremony: March 16, 2024

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Re: Encinitas Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Council Meeting Update

Thank you for the opportunity to share a few updates from the Encinitas Union School District.

Currently, our schools are recognizing Kindness and Inclusion in Action / Abilities Awareness weeks. There are many opportunities and activities for our students, staff, and families to participate in on all of our campuses. Examples include students learning to sign their name in ASL, creating name badges using the Braille alphabet, and learning about alternative communication methods, specifically using iPads as a form of verbal communication. These are important recognitions for everyone and we are proud of our special education parent council, our PTAs and our staff working together to provide these opportunities for our students.

We are in the final stages of a new strategic plan that will guide our efforts to implement the new vision, values, and learner profile over the next several years. This is important work and aligns with our commitment to continuous improvement and to ensure dynamic learning environments. Our strategic plan is built upon the core values and aspirations of our community and was developed by incorporating input from a diverse range of partners, including parents, educators, students, and community members. We believe that by working collaboratively, we can create an educational experience that truly meets the needs of our students and empowers them to excel in all aspects of their lives.

Additionally, the District is finalizing its Facilities Plan. In early 2020, our district updated the Facilities Plan in a series of districtwide meetings and input sessions. Due to the pandemic and related shifting priorities, we are now revisiting and refreshing the Facilities Plan in order to move forward with a potential bond measure this fall. This process includes reassessing each school site's needs to develop a scope of work and priorities.

MiraCosta College
February 2023

MiraCosta College Turns 90: Celebrating a Legacy of Life-Changing Education in San Diego County

MiraCosta College launches a yearlong celebration of its 90th anniversary of delivering accessible, equitable education and positively transforming countless lives in North San Diego County for nearly a century. Once housed in a wing of Oceanside High School in 1934, MiraCosta today serves nearly 27,000 students across four campuses in Oceanside, Cardiff, and Carlsbad, reflecting its mission to provide a wide array of educational pathways. As a designated Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) and a military-supportive college, MiraCosta confers over 85 degrees and certificates in healthcare, technology, and the arts. It also offers associate degrees, university transfer programs, and workforce readiness certificates and is one of the original 15 California community colleges to offer a bachelor's degree.

MiraCosta College Celebrates Recognition with 2023-24 Exemplary Program Award for Advancing Ethnic Studies

MiraCosta College proudly announces its recognition by the California Community Colleges Board of Governors with the 2023-24 Exemplary Program Award. This prestigious honor highlights MiraCosta College's exceptional efforts in promoting and advancing its ethnic studies programs, reflecting our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusive education.

MiraCosta College Scores Perfect in Bond Transparency

MiraCosta College has been awarded a perfect score on the San Diego County Taxpayers' Education Foundation's "2023 School Bond Transparency in San Diego County Summary Report" – meeting 28 out of 28 categories regarding the availability and accessibility of public information on bond programs.

MiraCosta College Board of Trustees Seeks Candidates for Trustee Area 7 Vacancy

The MiraCosta Community College District's Board of Trustees convened on December 14, 2023, The MiraCosta Community College District's Board of Trustees has announced a vacancy on the Board following the resignation of Dr. William "Bill" Fischer, Trustee for Area 7, effective January 2, 2024. The Board seeks a dedicated and qualified individual to fill this important role for the remainder of Dr. Fischer's term, which ends in November 2026.

Application Process and Deadline

Those interested in being considered for an appointment to the vacant trustee position for the remainder of Dr. Fischer's term may submit a letter of interest, resume, and [an application packet](#) to Julie Bollerud, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/President, MiraCosta College District, 1 Barnard Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056, or via email at jbollerud@miracosta.edu no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8, 2024. While not required, candidates may also submit a letter of recommendation as a part of their application package.