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We regularly get monthly updates from our elected officials' representatives, from the Police Department, the Fire Department, College Area Business District and other interesting people.

EL CERRITO DINE OUT NIGHT WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th

ALFORON

AT 5965 EL CAJON BOULEVARD

Our El Cerrito Dine Out Night will be at Alforon, a Middle Eastern - Mediterranean Restaurant that includes vegetarian dishes. The food is fresh, homemade and flavorful. We will have tables set aside for us starting at 5:00 PM, so come join us at a time that is good for you.

If you can't make it this night, you should stop by on your own and enjoy a great meal.

El Cerrito Community Council Meeting 7:00PM BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH HALL

Thursday, February 20th Meeting

District 9 Candidates Forum

Our neighborhood has several choices to make this year for representative. One of the elections is for our Council Member for the San Diego City Council. Our current Council Member is Georgette Gomez who is going to be running for the vacancy in the 53rd Congressional District created by Susan Davis' retirement.

Meet the District 9 Candidates, learn what is important to them and ask them questions to help you decide who you want to represent you on the San Diego City Council.

The Candidates are:

KELVIN H. BARRIOS - Community Outreach Director

SAM BEDWELL - Small Business Entrepreneur

JOHNNY LEE DANG - Scientist

SEAN ELO Board Trustee, San Diego Community College District

ANDREW GADE - Small Business Owner

ROSS NAISMITH-Music Teacher/Non-Profit Executive

ALEX SOTO - Unmanned Maritime Systems Manager

Each candidate has a website you can visit.



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FOLLOWING ECCC EVENTS

February 20th - District 9 Candidates Forum - meet the candidates and ask them your questions.

March 19th - ECCC Elections and Farmer Bill from City Nursery and plants & cuttings exchange.



ST. KATHARINE DREXEL ACADEMY ROARING 20'S AND BEYOND February 22, 6:00-11:00 pm

Put on your glad rags and come kick up your heels! St. Katharine Drexel Academy, the school at Blessed Sacramento, is presents Roaring 20's and Beyond, a dinner/dance/auction event to raise funds for the school on Saturday, February, 22, 2020, at Kitchens for Good at The Jacobs Center, 404 Euclid Avenue, San Diego, CA 92114, 6:00 - 11:00 pm.

GET OUT AND VOTE!

Elections in California have been moved up so we are now part of Super Tuesday - voting on March 3, 2020.

There are many election races for El Cerrito this year, so take some time to get to know your candidates and the initiatives and how they will impact you. Then get out and vote!

A brief run-down of the Ballot Measures and El Cerrito Candidates follows.

STATE LEGISLATIVE STATUTE

PROP 13 AUTHORIZES \$15 MILLION IN BONDS FOR FACILITY REPAIR, CONSTRUCTION AND MODERNIZATION AT PUBLIC PRESCHOOLS, K-12 SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND UNIVERSITIES.

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

MEASURE A

AMENDMENTS TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY GENERAL PLAN TO REQUIRE VOTER APPROVAL.

MEASURE B

NEWLAND SIERRA AMENDMENTS TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY GENERAL PLAN

CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEASURE C

HOTEL VISITOR TAX INCREASE FOR CONVENTION CENTER EXPANSION, HOMELESSNESS PROGRAMS, STREET REPAIRS.

MEASURE D

CHARTER AMENDMENTS REGARDING AUDIT COMMITTEE AND SELECTION AND TERM OF CITY AUDITOR.

53rd Congressional District

Four of the candidates who are running to succeed Susan Davis:

JOSE CABALLERO
JANESSA GOLDBECK
GEORGETTE GÓMEZ
SARA JACOBS

State Senate District 39

INCUMBENT, STATE SENATOR. TONI ATKINS, RUNNING UNOPPOSED

State Assembly District 79

Candidates:

INCUMBENT IS ASSEMBLYWOMAN SHIRLEY WEBER
CARMELITA "C.L" LARRABASTER
JOHN MOORE

San Diego County Board Supervisors District 2

Candidates running to succeed Dianne Jacob:

JOEL ANDERSON
KENYA TAYLOR
STEVE VAUS

San Diego Unified School District E

INCUMBENT, SHARON WHITEHURT-PAYNE
LAWANA RICHMOND

City of San Diego Mayor

Candidates running to succeed Kevin Faulconer

BARBARA BRY
TODD GLORIA
RICH RIEL
SCOTT SHERMAN
GITA APPELBAUM SINGH
TASHA WILLIAMSON

San Diego City Attorney

INCUMBENT MARA ELLIOTT
CORY BRIGGS
PETER MESICH

IMPORTANT DATE FOR VOTING

February 3, 2020

First day to vote-by-mail

February 18, 2020

Last day to register to vote

February 25, 2020

Last day to apply for a vote-by-mail ballot by mail

March 3, 2020

ELECTION DAY

Polls are open 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

NO PARTY PREFERENCE VOTERS NEED TO KNOW THESE RULES

REGISTERED Democrats, Republicans, Greens, Libertarians and other party members are guaranteed a primary ballot with all of your party's presidential contenders on it.

But voters who do not belong to a political party — No Party Preference - the fastest growing voting bloc in the state — will have to navigate a set of obstacles to cast a presidential primary vote for the candidate of their choice.

Some parties have "members only" policies:

- The Republican Party
- The Green Party
- The Peace and Freedom Party

If you want to vote for a candidate in one of these three parties during the primaries, you'll have to join that party. You cannot do it as a member of any other party, or even as a "no party preference" independent. No exceptions.

The following three parties do allow political independents to cast ballots in their presidential primaries (though not members of other parties):

- The Democratic Party
- The Libertarian Party
- The American Independent Party (which is the party's name and not to be confused with being a party-less political independent)

But, there is an important caveat — these voters do have to specifically request the ballot they want.

For those who vote in person, this is easy. Just ask for the ballot at your polling place. But independents who vote by mail need to let your county know which ballot they want ahead of time.



Rolando Street Fair - Rolando welcomes all to a neighborhood street fair with bands, local performances, over 150 vendors, a beer garden and an interactive kids' area, this all-day event is free to enter and has fun for everyone.

When: Sunday, March 22, 2020, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: Along Rolando Boulevard starting at El Cajon Boulevard.

Costs: General Fair is Free: This year's kid zone is all about interactive and **\$5 gets you unlimited access all day.**

It all happens on the beautiful tree lined streets, under the vintage acorn lamp posts of Rolando.

Live music all day on the Main Stage hosted by Tim Pyles of 91X FM and Chris Cantore of 100.7 FM. Plus, more local performances on the community stage!

Main Stage Headliner: **Buck-O-Nine**

Main Stage Performances:

Kahlil Nash

Whitney Shay

The Sure Fire Soul Ensemble

The Routine



THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE Next Clean-up is Saturday February 22th

The El Cerrito Beautification Committee is doing a great job cleaning up the community. Please join us - new people are pitching in all of the time and our neighborhood is worth it. This can be a great adventure experience for the entire family.

The goal is to meet once a month for an hour & a half to two hours to clean up litter and overgrown weeds in areas. This is a fun way to meet neighbors and do something great for your community.

Our next work party is Saturday, February 22nd, 8:30 a.m. Clean-up days are the Saturday after the community meeting. The group will meet at the corner of 58th and Trojan Ave and work for no more than two hours.

Join the crew after the clean-up at Scrimshaw Coffee at 5542 El Cajon Blvd for a bite to eat and get a 10% discount.

If you'd like more information or would like to join in please call Lorna Zukas at 619-538-9689. If you can't make it this month but want to join in the future or if you have areas that you feel need clean-up, please email elcerritocommunitycouncil@gmail.com

MARCH MEETING ELECTIONS

In March we will be holding ECCC Board Elections. Membership is open to any member, at least 18 years of age residing or owning a business within the El Cerrito community.

The geographic area of the ECCC, is bordered by 54th/Collwood Street (West side); University Avenue (South side); College Avenue (East side); the canyon South of Baja Drive to the North.

To be on the Board, you must have attended at least one meeting in the last year. The Board sets up the meetings, maintains membership rolls and attendance, and voter eligibility records and organizes our monthly meetings and community events.

To vote, you must have attended at least one meeting within the previous 12 months and be in attendance at the March meeting. No absentee or proxy voting.



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District 9 Candidate Forum

**Thursday, February 20, 2020
 7:00pm to 8:30pm**

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**4540 El Cerrito Drive
 El Cajon Boulevard at El Cerrito Drive**

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