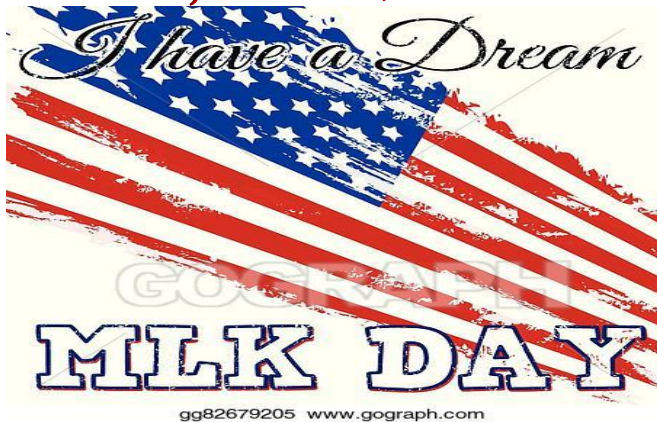




# EL CERRITO COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY JANUARY 20, 2020



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

Thursday, January 16th Meeting

## *I Love A Clean San Diego*

Tasha Dewey, Adult Education Specialist with I Love a Clean San Diego, will present information on this great organization, which celebrated its 65th anniversary last year. In addition to its focus on litter prevention the group now also has an environmental and zero waste education team.

Each year I Love a Clean San Diego removes half a million pounds of debris from neighborhoods, creeks, canyons and coastline making our County a lot nicer to live and play in.

In addition to beach and community clean-ups, I Love a Clean San Diego can help organize fun activities like storm drain stenciling with messages to remind everyone that the water goes to our bays and oceans, affecting wild and aquatic life. Whether you want to help us plan an event or learn about small changes you can make as an individual, there will be information for you. Let's all learn to keep El Cerrito cleaned-up.

At the meetings we also get monthly updates from our elected officials' representatives, and sometimes get to hear from the Police Department, the Fire Department, City Attorney's Office, College Area Business District and other interesting people.

### ECCC DINE OUT NIGHT WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22nd AT 5540 EL CAJON BLVD



A year ago we voted to endorse Angela Sandoval's plans to open a Wine Bar in El Cerrito. After a year of going through the process of licensing and building, The Alcove had its grand opening on December 18th.

Since December was such a busy month with vacations and holidays, we decided we need a chance for ECCC to get together and celebrate our new Wine Bar.

Angela has reserved tables for us on Wednesday, January 22, starting at 5:00. Her menu is a lot of fun includes hamburgers, black bean burgers, fish & chips, great salads and of course wine and craft beer.

The food is fresh and good. The chef creates his own salad dressings, breads the fish for the fish & chips, makes his own sauces.

Be sure to stop by on your own in the meantime, have a drink and a bite and get to know the crew.



### SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FOLLOWING ECCC EVENTS

**January 16th - I love a Clean San Diego!**

**February 20th - District 9 Candidates Forum - meet the candidates and ask them questions to help decide who you want to represent you on the City Council.**

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

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN 2020 JOIN THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB CHANGING LIVES

If you are thinking of volunteering your time to an organization this year, please remember the Boys & Girls Club (B&GC). They provide a variety of opportunities, including individuals, groups and teens.

This organization takes time to match up its big and little brothers and sisters so both will have a great time getting to know each other and spending time together. The children are many times living with a single parent so by participating in B&GC they get to learn important life lessons from another adult. In general, men will be matched to be a big brother with boys and women will be matched as a big sister with girls. There are more boys in need of a big brother than girls needing big sisters.

Many of these boys need a man in their life to help teach them things they are interested in: how to use tools, cars, play sports, learning the rules of the games, how to throw footballs, baseballs, shooting baskets. Volunteer opportunities for sports leagues and service projects are also available.

Apply online at <https://www.sdyouth.org/volunteer/>;  
Phone: 858.866.0591; Fax: 858.866.0595;  
Email: [info@SDYouth.org](mailto:info@SDYouth.org)



### THERE'S AN APP TO REPORT ISSUES TO THE CITY

Just a reminder that you can be part of the solution. When you see a problem use the *Get It Done San Diego* website or App to report it to the City. To make City departments more efficient and accessible for all San Diego residents, the *Get It Done San Diego* app lets you report problems and request improvements in the neighborhood with your phone.

With the App, you can take and upload photos related to over 20 nonemergency problems with roads, street lights, traffic signals, graffiti, and more. The *Get It Done* app uses GPS information to automatically update the address and location of problems. After uploading the photo, one simply has to identify a few details about the problem and click Submit.

The app allows the City to link the user to City crews. Your report and others on the same matter creates a work order through a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) software system. The individual is notified about the progress of an issue. The City is also going to be able to start to track consistent problems and be able to be proactive in finding solutions

Visit <https://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done>.  
Download from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#)

## HELPFUL SAN DIEGO PHONE NUMBERS

CITY COUNCIL, District 9 Council Member  
**Georgette Gomez** . . . . .619-236-6699  
[georgettegomez@sandiego.gov](mailto:georgettegomez@sandiego.gov)  
El Cerrito Representative – Christopher Vallejo

SAN DIEGO POLICE  
Non-Emergency - 619-531-2000  
EMERGENCY – 911

POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS  
**Mid-City Division Officer - Terry Hoskins**  
[THoskins@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:THoskins@pd.sandiego.gov)  
Desk Phone. . . . .619-516-3091  
(Non-Emergency) . . . . .619-516-3000

**Eastern Division Officer - John Steffen**  
[jmsteffen@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:jmsteffen@pd.sandiego.gov)  
Desk Phone. . . . .858-495-7971  
(Non-Emergency). . . . .858-495-7900  
Abandoned Vehicles. . . . .858-495-7556

Balboa Park Information . . . . .619-239-0512  
Beach & Bay Advisory . . . . .619-239-0512  
Construction/Building Permits . . . . .619-446-5000  
Buses/MTS Access . . . . .619-233-3004  
City Council Docket Info . . . . .619-533-4000  
Crimestoppers . . . . .888-580-8477  
Curb Maintenance . . . . .619-527-7500  
Dead Animal Removal (City Property). . . . .858-694-7000  
Dog License . . . . .619-767-2675  
Feral Cat Coalition . . . . .619-758-9194  
Spay/Neuter. . . . .619-544-1222  
Fire Station Headquarters . . . . .619-533-4300

GRAFFITI REMOVAL  
Graffiti Hotline. . . . .619-525-8522  
Urban Corps Graffiti Hotline . . . . .800-829-6884  
Graffiti Reporting (Strike Force). . . . .619-531-2948  
Officer Lori Black-[lablack@pd.sandiego.gov](mailto:lablack@pd.sandiego.gov)  
Cal Trans. . . . .858-467-4042  
City Traffic Signs . . . . .619-525-8522 or 619-527-7500  
Traffic Signal Control Boxes . . . . .619-527-7500  
  
Humane Society . . . . .619-299-7012  
I Love A Clean SD . . . . .619-291-0103  
Illegal Dumping & Litter. . . . .858-694-7000  
Library . . . . .619-236-5800  
Park and Recreation. . . . .619-525-8213  
Pot Hole Hotline . . . . .619-527-7500  
Public Transit, [www.sdcommute.com](http://www.sdcommute.com). . . . .619-233-3004  
Recycling Hotline . . . . .800-237-2583

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### UPCOMING CANDIDATE FORUMS

**Friday, January 24, 2020, 6:00 PM-9:00 PM**  
Faith Presbyterian Church  
5075 Campanile Dr.- Fellowship Hall  
**Candidates for Federal State and Local Offices  
that cover the College Area**

**Thursday, February 20, 2020, 7:00 – 9:00 PM**  
Blessed Sacrament Church  
El Cajon Blvd, between 56th and El Cerrito Drive  
**City Council, District 9 Candidates**

**PLEASE TAKE TIME TO REVIEW  
AND SEND COMMENTS ON  
COMPLETE COMMUNITIES AND  
MOBILITY CHOICES PLAN EIR**

**The City of San Diego's Draft Complete Communities: Mobility Choices Regulations and the associated Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).**

**COMMENTS DUE ON JANUARY 27, 2020**

The City of San Diego Mayor's office, on December 13, 2019, posted the draft EIR for the new Complete Communities Housing Solutions and Mobility Choices proposed amendments to the municipal code and land use and housing regulations. This plan does impact our El Cerrito neighborhood.

The draft Complete Communities: Mobility Choices Regulations and the associated Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) are available for review at this link:

<https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/programs/completeteconomunities/housingsolutions>

Comments on the Draft EIR must be received by January 27, 2020.

The deadline for comments on this EIR is the third or fourth week of this month. Not a lot of time to review something of this importance which was released during the holiday season when staff was not available to assist.

Each of us really should try our best to review the draft EIR and make comments. This document is almost 500 pages, the sooner you start the better.

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**HELP WITH THE HOMELESS COUNT  
JANUARY 23, 2020 \* 3:30 -8:00 AM**

The Regional Task Force on the Homeless conducts an annual count and survey of homeless individuals throughout San Diego County called WeAllCount for a one day snapshot of where our unsheltered neighbors are living.

This is an engaged count to meet homeless community members where they are at that time. San Diego County's annual Point-in-Time Count campaign that helps the Regional Task Force to better understand the state of homelessness in our region in order to help individuals, veterans and families leave the streets.

This year that day is Thursday January 23, 2020. Volunteers meet starting at 3:30am and head out for counting 4:00am-8:00am at most deployment sites.

This effort has involved 1,600 volunteers countywide in the past, but this year more volunteers are being requested for a thorough count. This is an engaged count to meet our unsheltered neighbors where they

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are at that time. What a great way to serve the community as it gives a voice to them and helps direct critical funding for housing and services.

To sign up and be a voice for our unsheltered neighbors please go to: <https://www.rtfhsd.org/get-involved/weallcount/>  
If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to [PITC@rtfhsd.org](mailto:PITC@rtfhsd.org)



**THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  
Next Clean-up is Saturday January 18th**

The El Cerrito Beautification Committee is doing a great job cleaning up the community. A million thanks to all who have participated in this group. Everyone in El Cerrito really should join in, our neighborhood is worth it. This can be a great adventure an eye-opening 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, January 18th, 8:30 a.m. Clean-up days are the Saturday after the community meeting. The group meets 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](mailto:elcerritocommunitycouncil@gmail.com).

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**PLEASE CLEAN UP YOUR DOG'S POOP**

One of the big complaints we are hearing these days from people out and about in the neighborhood is that some of us are being bad dog owners.

We love to take our dogs for walks, but are not cleaning up after them. No matter how small or big your dog is, you have to take the time to clean up their messes.



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**Thursday, January 16, 2020  
 7:00pm to 8:30pm**

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH**

**4540 El Cerrito Drive  
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