



Draft MINUTES for the Joint Meeting of the
Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 • 6:00pm

Tierrasanta Recreation Center

11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

San Diego, CA 92124

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The Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group meets generally in the following months: January, February, March, April, June, July, September, and October. Additional meetings may be called on an as needed basis. In order to be eligible for election to the Planning Group, a member must have attended a minimum of one meeting prior to being placed on the ballot and his/her attendance noted either via sign-in sheet or referenced in the minutes for a specific meeting.

Director Attendance:

1. A1: Ingrid Cornax	P	12. At Large: Jeremy Brown	P
2. A1: John Adair	P	13. A5: (vacant)	-
3. A1: Michael Ferrell	P	14. A5: (vacant)	-
4. A2: Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto	P	15. Commercial: Chris Shamoon	P
5. A2: (vacant)	-	16. Village @ MV: Carol Kelley	P
6. A3: Robert Lang	P		
7. A3: Jennifer Cochrane-Schultz	A		
8. A3: Rebecca Schacher	P		
9. A4: Kelly Kolterman-Brown	A		
10. A4: Alex Brown	A		
11. A4: Vince Cardoza	P		

Non-Voting Positions:

Canyon Hills HS: Quentin Brown A

6:01pm Pledge of Allegiance; Ten members present and a quorum was determined. President Chris Shamoon conducted the meeting.

Convene a joint meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group, a City of San Diego recognized planning group, and the Tierrasanta Community Council, a 501(c)4 community association.

President:	Chris Shamoon
Vice President:	Ingrid Cornax
Treasurer:	Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto
Secretary:	(vacant)

Item A: Agenda Review/Requests for Continuance/Additions to the Agenda

None

Action Item 1: Approval of the Draft Minutes for the March 11, 2025 Joint Meeting of the Tierrasanta Community Council and Planning Group.

- Motion to approve by Bob Lang, seconded by Rebecca Schacher, and passed unanimously.

Info Item 1: Updates by Government Representatives (limited to 2 minutes each)

- *Fire Station 39 (Tierrasanta/Murphy Canyon):* <http://www.sandiego.gov/fire>
- *Police Department (Eastern Division): Community Service Officer Salvador Laureltorres:* 858-495-7919; slaureltorre@pd.sandiego.gov
- *U.S. Congressman Sara Jacobs:* 619-280-5353; Michaela Castagnola; Michaela.Castagnola@mail.house.gov
- *State Senator Akilah Weber MD:* 619-688-6700; Moana Alo; Moana.Alo@sen.ca.gov
- *Assembly District 78 Chris Ward:* 619-280-7801; Michael Bravo; michael.bravo@asm.ca.gov
 - *Present in-person*
 - *Currently spring recess week, visiting town councils*
 - *Legislative priorities*
 - *LA wildfires impact on state budget and planning/policy*
 - *Medi-Cal*
 - *Energy and housing affordability*
 - *Technology, protecting privacy and consumer protection and civil rights*
 - *Legislative services, Michael Bravo is the contact for issues/problem-solve*
 - *Uncertainties due to relationship with the federal government, make sure we continue to receive the federal dollars to support the state*
 - *Roles:*
 - *Chair of Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism Committee*
 - *Film tax credit, making sure that San Diego is included*
 - *Question:*
 - *John Adair: clarify on state budget, this year versus last*
 - *This year is more stable than the year before*
 - *¾ of the revenue is from income tax, corporate tax, taxed investments, and sales tax (state takes a portion of local sales taxes)*
 - *We have reserves and the hope is to not use too much to mitigate impact of stock market issues*
 - *Brandy Winterbottom: How tariffs affect revenue?*
 - *Will impact consumer spending and sales tax*
 - *Community member: How is the surplus refund regulated? There is a Gann Limit that dictates spending limit. We had a very good year, and due to large stock revenue. Not only were there refunds, but there were also investments in local spends*
 - *John Adair: Two refineries are being closed and Chevron moving out of state?*
 - *Valero is closing a refinery, but it is not clear if it is permanent*
 - *Chevron just moved some of their executives to Houston*
 - *California is an "island" there is not a good pipeline to bring oil to state*
 - *Jeremy: AB 609, are you for it?*

- *CEQA challenges can be overused. There is a place for it, but if a project is consistent with a community plan, then we need to prevent these additional challenges, and stick to community plans.*
 - *Community retirement pay: Chris Ward is working to exempt military retirement pay from state income tax assessment*
- *County Supervisor Joel Anderson: 619-531-5522; Michael Kulis; Michael.Kulis@sdcaounty.gov*
- *Mayor Todd Gloria: 619-952-0092; Korral Taylor; TaylorK@sandiego.gov*
 - In accordance with the City Charter, Mayor Todd Gloria today released a preliminary, [draft City budget for Fiscal Year 2026](#) based on the most recently available economic data and current economic conditions. The draft proposal is balanced and reflects his administration's continued commitment to public safety, reducing homelessness, building more housing, fixing infrastructure, and minimizing reductions to neighborhood services for residents.
 - In December, Mayor Gloria announced that the City would need to solve for a \$258 million budget deficit in the next fiscal year amid declining growth in property, hotel room and sales taxes. This deficit subsequently grew larger from a marked dip in sales-tax revenue, lower-than-anticipated franchise fees from San Diego Gas & Electric, and an increase in employee pension costs.
 - Mayor Gloria also vowed that he would tackle the City's longstanding structural budget deficit – the historic imbalance between ongoing revenues and expected service levels that has plagued the city for decades. The draft budget released today makes significant progress toward closing the structural deficit, while ensuring residents can continue to rely on critical City services.
 - The draft budget includes \$157 million in new revenues that are both a rightsizing of fees for services, as well as voter-approved adjustments. This includes updating parking meter rates and parking citation penalties; modernization of various user fees and the retail cannabis tax; and two voter-approved revenue measures – one that allows the City to levy a fee to cover the cost of residential trash collection (Measure B), as well as an increase to the City's hotel-room tax (Measure C).
 - As currently drafted, the draft budget proposes the following:
 - **Continuing to Keep Communities Safe**
 - Both the Police and the Fire-Rescue Department are seeing net increases as part of the draft budget in order to keep communities safe and ensure the City of San Diego is properly staffed to respond to emergencies.
 - The Fire-Rescue Department's overall budget will increase by \$24 million and includes an Advanced Lifeguard Academy and restoration of the Wellness Program. Reductions include the Fast-Response Squads in San Pasqual and Engine 80 in Downtown/East Village (\$1.5 million savings), bomb squad cross-staffing (\$900,000 savings), and reductions in the staffing unit (\$600,000 savings). These decisions avoid brownouts to fire stations, ensuring the department is still ready to respond to emergencies in neighborhoods.
 - The San Diego Police Department's overall budget will increase by \$29.3 million and maintains current service levels. The Department will take a minor \$3 million reduction in overtime costs.
 - **Continuing Progress on Reducing Homelessness and Building**

More Housing

- The draft budget proposes a total investment in homelessness services of \$105.3 million, with \$71.1 million coming from the General Fund, \$25.7 million from the state's Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) program, and \$8.5 million in other grants, including \$700,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds.
 - The funding supports 17 City shelters, five Safe Parking sites and two Safe Sleeping sites and interim/bridge housing, as well as supportive services and navigation programs such as the Day Center, storage facilities and portable restrooms. Funding also will cover the City's Coordinated Outreach, the Housing Instability Prevention Program, the Eviction Prevention Program and SDPD's Homeless Outreach Team.
 - Reductions in funding include the City's portion of the Rosecrans bridge shelter given the County's plans to demolish the adjacent building on the site and cut off utilities, as well as the CalTrans Outreach Program.
- **Continuing Progress on Fixing Roads, Stormwater Systems, and Other Critical Infrastructure**
- The draft budget proposes repairing nearly 390 lane miles of streets. This figure would cover 241.6 lane miles of slurry/cape/scrub seal maintenance resurfacing (\$36.3 million) as well as full resurfacing of 147.2 lane miles (\$46.8 million) for a total of \$83.1 million.
 - For stormwater upgrades, the draft budget proposes \$48.8 million spending via the Capital Improvements budget, including \$39.1 million for emergency projects and \$9.7 million in flood resilience infrastructure.
 - These investments are above and beyond the \$733 million in planned projects being funded through the WIFIA Program, an Environmental Protection Agency loan that funds critical stormwater infrastructure upgrades. A large portion of the WIFIA funding is being devoted to projects in communities of concern to protect water quality and prevent flooding.
- **Preserving Core Neighborhood Services with Mitigated Reductions**
- In order to balance the draft budget and help significantly close the structural budget deficit, the following reductions have been proposed:
 - All libraries will be closed on Sundays and Mondays.
 - The Library Department's "Do Your Homework at the Library" tutoring program will be reduced from being currently offered at 18 libraries to 10 libraries. The 10 locations where this program will continue to be offered are located in Council Districts 4, 8 and 9.
 - All recreation center hours will be trimmed from operating 60 hours per week to 40 hours per week.
 - Select restrooms in city parks will be closed on a seasonal basis.
 - The City's animal services contract with the San Diego Humane Society is being re-negotiated to lower its cost.
- **Concluding Recap:**

- In all, the draft budget proposes \$175.9 million in reductions across all City departments. That includes a \$30.5 million reduction in personnel costs, a \$46.4 million reduction in other costs, a \$35 million reduction in contracts with external companies, and a savings of \$64 million by delaying contributions to City reserves.
 - The personnel cuts propose eliminating 393 positions, 160 of which are currently filled. The vast majority of employees in those filled positions are eligible to be transferred to other positions within the organization.
 - The draft budget minimizes cuts to the departments that deliver the services that are central to Mayor Gloria's core priorities, including public safety, road repair, and stormwater projects.
 - Mayor Gloria will present the draft budget to the City Council in a public hearing on Monday, April 21. The City Council, serving as the Budget Review Committee, will hold a series of hearings from May 5-9. Based on new economic information, the Mayor will release his revised, official budget proposal on May 14.
- *Carol Kelly: What data to support Sunday and Monday library closures?*
- *Contact city council and advocate for the library, Korral also wants to know why Sunday and Monday were chosen*
- *City Councilmember Raul Campillo: Vic Vettiyil; 619-236-6749; vvettiyil@saniego.gov*
 - **CLAIREMONT MESA BLVD.**
 - *You all have been asking since Councilmember Campillo took office, when is Clairemont Mesa Blvd. getting paved? If you've driven the road in the last week, you'll see our in house City Crews conducting a mill and pave job for Clairemont Mesa Blvd. from the 15 off ramps to Repecho. The work will be complete by later next week, and you will have a completely smooth surface to ride into Tierrasanta whether it was from Tierrasanta Blvd. or Clairemont Mesa Blvd.*
 - *Councilmember Campillo is really proud of how much advocacy he, our team, and all of you have done to see this come to reality, and is thrilled that the main entrances into the Island in the Hills are finally complete, after years of neglect. This is the type of focus and care he plans to continue having into his second term.*
 - **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TRASH FEE**
 - *First off - The vote taken by Council on Monday, April 14, **did not approve a fee for trash collection.** This vote only set the maximum amount that could be potentially charged (up to \$47.59/month) and scheduled a public hearing for June 9, 2025, where residents will have another opportunity to weigh in. This process also includes a mail-in ballot where single-family home owners can formally vote on whether or not to adopt the fee.*
 - *Councilmember Campillo voted against moving this item forward, as he was frustrated with how the proposal was developed and emphasized that many voters feel misled by the estimates provided in earlier materials. We strongly encourage you to continue sharing your perspective, participating in the public hearing process, and submitting your ballot once it arrives.*
 - *If you have any additional questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to reach out to Vic at vvettiyil@saniego.gov*
 - **COFFEE WITH CAMPILLO**
 - *The next Coffee With Campillo will be held on Saturday April 26, 2025. If you*

did not RSVP, we are unable to accept anymore reservations due to event space. As this event is held in conjunction with the Office of Congresswoman Sara Jacobs, we will have a few additional security protocols. All attendees will be required to check-in and confirm their RSVP. If you did not RSVP, there will be a standby line for folks to enter.

- *Event location will only be shared with those who RSVPd prior to the meeting.*
- **GENERAL CASE WORK:**
 - Our office is continuing to address questions and issues related to pot-holes, streetlights, code enforcement issues, and encampment clean-ups to just mention a few.
 - To stay in touch, our office suggests you sign up for our newsletter on our website: <https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd7/subscribe> and to follow our office on social media on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, YouTube, and NextDoor to also see our weekly Council recap in sixty seconds and "How Do I?" videos.
 - If any issues come up, please feel free to reach out to our office at RaulCampillo@sandiego.gov or give us a call at 619-236-6677.
- **John Adair:** *Will measure B ballots go only to single family homes? Seems that the issue is not clear*
 - Yes
 - *Korral: Some were missed, so they are reassessing and making sure to include the right people on the ballot*
- **Brandy Winterbottom:** *What if the majority of the voters vote 'no?'*
 - *Then the city would adjust the included services and try a new number*
 - *Korral: Some fees are also to update the trucks, below \$42, service will be negatively affected*
- *Canyon Hills High School Principal Dr. Erica Renfree; 858-496-8342; erenfree@sandi.net; Student Representative: Quentin Brown*
- *Board of Education: Board Member Shana Hazan; shazan@sandi.net*
- *City Attorney's Office: Ann Marie Council; 619-533-6205; ACouncil@sandiego.gov*
- *MCAS Miramar: Kristin Camper; 858-577-6603; kristin.camper@usmc.mil*
- *City Planning Department: Lesley Henegar; (619) 235-5208; LHenegar@sandiego.gov*
- *Tierrasanta Library: Jeremy Davies; 858-573-1385; JLDavies@sandiego.gov; 4985 La Cuenta Blvd*
 - *Last year was the 40th year anniversary, but the library was closed. So now that the library is open we will have the 40th-ish anniversary from 11-1. Odi the Coyote (library mascot) and Bubbles the Clown will be there*
 - *Volunteers cannot replace employees to prevent from the library closing an extra day each week,*

Info Item 2: Non-Agenda Public Comment. *Any member of the public may address a community issue not elsewhere on this agenda. Each speaker may take up to 2 minutes; speakers may be limited to less time if several speakers have filed speaker slips to speak on the same issue. The TCC is prohibited by The Brown Act from acting on or voting on any issue that is not already on the agenda unless it is deemed by the Council to be an urgent*

issue. Issues raised during Non-Agenda Public Comment may be referred to an appropriate Tierrasanta Community Council committee.

- Ed Langmaid: “Prepare Tierrasanta”
 - Earthquake: Prepare for an earthquake (cannot prevent), the time is ripe for another big earthquake
 - Duck under a table or something sturdy and hold on, do not try to exit
 - Committee has met a few times, and they have a proposed logo
 - Question: status of the evacuation plan
 - Talk to Bob, he is bringing it up
 - Retired fire chief is on the committee and is working on it
 - Vic is also helping

Info Item 3: Introduction of City of San Diego's Commission on Police Practices (CPP); Yasmeeen Obeid; YObeid@sandiego.gov; 619-859-8542 (no-show)

Info Item 4: Measure B Ballots will be sent soon. The following are the expected fees for trash collection:

- Standard Monthly Rate: \$47.59
 - Increases to \$59.42 in July 2027
- Smaller trash bins of 35 gal instead of 95 gal:
 - \$36.72/mo
 - Increases to \$45.66 in July 2027
- Expected to generate \$80-90M per year
- Higher rates than other cities:
 - Median monthly fee in 12 local cities is \$32
 - El Cajon: \$28
 - Chula Vista: \$23-35
 - Carlsbad: \$28-31
 - Oceanside: \$33
 - Riverside: \$42.66
 - Los Angeles: \$41.32
 - Pasadena: \$46.61
 - Long Beach: \$42.66
 - Rising to \$50 in May
 - Increasing to \$68.37 in August 2026
- If majority (roughly 117,000) of households return the postcard in protest, the fees can be stopped.
 - Postcards will begin mailing the week of April 21.

Action Item 2: Include TCC in the new online “Explore Your Neighborhood” website. Bryan; success@visitneighborhoods.com; 858-365-3700

- Consider just pointing tierrasantacc.org to our section on that page instead of fully revamping the site.
 - Company will transfer what we need from the current site.
- Free to host community information and publish necessary information.
- Includes a community calendar.
- Chris Shamoan moved to include the TCC in “explore your neighborhood” website

and have Bob be the contact for creation and design. Vince Cardoza seconded.

- Dawn question: There used to be a link that would allow you to add yourself to the email list, and it disappeared. Will this ability be added to this new website?
 - Chris: two ways to address
 - There will be a newsletter from the website, but not just TCC
 - We can also add back the link on the website that will only focus on the TCC
 - Launch: May 15th, and there is no fee for TCC to join (funded by local businesses)
- Passed unanimously

Action Item 3: Request for recommendation of CUP permit for Dish Network on Tierrasanta Rec Center; Maverick Becker; 858-394-6672; Maverick.Becker@stantec.com

- TCC is awaiting more information regarding health studies on 5G towers
- No additional info has been sent, but they want our recommendation
- La Jolla rejected
- Some revenue for the city but amount is not disclosed (probably goes to the general fund)
- It does not appear we have jurisdiction over health and safety issues only on design concerns
- Will keep it on the agenda and table until info is provided

Action Item 4: Appoint qualified candidates to fill the vacant positions.

- Positions:
 - One opening in 2
 - Chris Shamoan moved to appoint Brandy Winterbottom to area 2. Bob Lang seconded. Passed unanimously.
 - Two openings in 5

Action Item 5: Elect Leadership Positions

- President: Chris Shamoan
- Vice President: Vince Cardoza
- Treasurer: Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto
- Secretary: Ingrid Cornax

Ingrid Cornax moved to seat leadership as above and Brandy Winterbottom Seconded. Passed unanimously

Info Item 5: Reports from Committee and Community Liaisons

- *Tierrasanta Community Development Committee: Wayne Holtan, Bill Reschke, John Hopper, Mary Saxton, John Adair, Rich Thesing, Carol Kelley*
- *Elections: Hani Shatila, Chris Shamoan, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Michael Ferrell*
- *Annual Recognition: Chris Shamoan, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto*
 - Patriots Day Parade: TCC is encouraged to participate (walk and ride in the convertible)

- May 17th: Start walking at 10 am
 - Vince Cardoza (walk)
 - Chris Shamoon (walk)
 - Dawn needs to check schedule
 - Bob will photograph near the first announcer stand
- *Bylaws Committee: Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Mary Saxton*
- *Communications Committee: Bob Lang, Dawn Nielsen, Carol Kelley, Kelly Kolterman-Brown, Jennifer Schultz*
- *Concerts in the Park Committee: Chris Shamoon, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, John Sperrazo, Rebecca Schacher, Carol Kelley*
 - 6 dates:
 - Might need a facepainter?
 - Prepare Tierrasanta Committee to have a stand, not sure if it will be every event or only select dates. Ed would like to have enough manpower to do all events. Also, include additional organizations (like a preparedness/safety fair, similar to Poway's) at one event
 - Dawn: TCC should also have a table
- *Vision & Goals Committee: Bob Lang, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Ingrid Cornax*
 - Annual action for this committee starts in May.
- *Community Planners Committee: Chris Shamoon, Ingrid Cornax*
 - No one likes Measure B
 - ADUs: concern for fire safety and evacuations
 - Look to scrap city bonus and only follow state ADU laws and start from scratch (hearings and ad hoc committee to send to the city)
 - City is not taking feedback on items that are not safety concerns
- *Miramar Community Leaders Forum: Don Chick*
- *Tierrasanta Recreation Council Liaison: Rich Thesing*
- *Mission Trails Regional Park Liaison: Rich Thesing, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Ingrid Cornax*
- *San Diego River Coalition: Rich Thesing, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Ingrid Cornax*
- *Rock Quarry Conditional Use Permit: Rich Thesing*
- *Open Space Committee: Jennifer Schultz, Bob Lang, Dawn Nielsen-Lostritto, Rich Thesing*

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Ingrid Cornax motioned to adjourn and John Adair seconded. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at **7:45 pm**.

The next regular meeting will be 6:00 pm Wednesday, June 18, 2025.

Attachments can be found with the March 2024 Agenda on TCC website.

<https://www.tierrasantacc.org/2025-tcc-agendas-and-minutes>