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# Agendas for the November 12, 2024 Bird Rock Community Council and Annual MAD Meetings

#### 6:00-7:30 PM

#### **Bird Rock Elementary School Auditorium**

(Enter from La Jolla Hermosa at the south end gate.)

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# A. Bird Rock Community Council Community Meeting

# 1. Welcome, Board Member Introductions, Remarks

Joe Terry – President Janet Gentile
Joe Parker – Vice President Marco Gentile
Barbara Dunbar – Treasurer, MAD Eric Kleinbub
Representative and BR Newsletter Editor Christine McVay

Kristin Barret - Marketing & Lake Price - Web Administer and Marketing

Communications & Communications
Craig Bender – Merchants' Group Jennifer Van Galder

Representative Janette Williams – Liaison to BRE and BRF

#### 2. 22-Story High-Rise Next Door

Discussion of the planned development, what we can do about it and what others are doing about it and we can all do about similar projects that would follow it. The expected speakers include:

- Dr. Marcella Bothwell, Chair of the PB Planning Group
- Emily Lynch, Community Outreach Director, Office of Council President Pro Tem Joe LaCava and

• Emily Piatanesi, Policy Advisor, Office of Mayor Todd Gloria, and Community Lead on The 970 Turquoise Street Project

#### 3. Brief Updates from the Representatives of Elected Officials

- Emily Lynch, Community Representative, Office of Council President Pro Tem Joe LaCava
- Andrés Geurts-Barreto, Senior Field Representative for Assemblymember Tasha Boerner

Please see Appendix A for written updates.

### 4. Public Announcements (2 minutes each on non-agenda topics)

# 5. Updates on BRCC Projects and Activities

If you have any questions or comments about the following projects, please email them to <a href="mailto:info@birdrockcc.org">info@birdrockcc.org</a>,

## a. Blvd Lighting Project

The BRCC has initiated a tree lighting project for the Bird Rock commercial district. The project will eventually include approximately 100 trees along the sidewalks and in the medians and roundabouts from the southern corners of Midway Street and La Jolla Blvd or the Midway Street roundabout to the Camino de la Costa roundabout.

The lighting project will benefit residents, merchants and visitors by providing increased community aesthetics, greater public safety and an enhanced commercial identity for the Bird Rock commercial district.

The BRCC requested cost proposals by November 8 from five vendors. The proposals will be for up-lighting fixtures that will effectively highlight the trunks, branches and canopies of each of 40 trees, with options to expand the purchase to fixtures for approximately 100 trees and to install the fixtures. The fixtures will be low voltage, capable of changing color and the requested programmable color options include:

- warm white
- cool/bright white
- blue (various shades)
- red (various shades)
- green (various shades)
- orange (various shades)
- pink (various shades)
- purple (various shades)
- yellow (various shades)

The cost proposals will include the cost and specifications of the proposed fixture with separate proposals for fixtures that are flush to the ground and above ground fixtures. After evaluating the proposals, the BRCC will select a vendor and purchase the lighting fixtures. The next phases of the project will include having electric power provided to the base of each tree, installing the up-lighting fixtures and purchasing and installing additional lighting fixtures.

The following photo of palm trees at Point Loma Nazarene University demonstrates the ability of up-lighting to effectively highlight the trunks, branches and canopies of trees.



# **b.** Bird Rock Monument Project

The initial phase of this project will include the installation of the following:

Two natural, coastal rock monuments

- With and without the engraved words "BIRD ROCK" on each rock
- One or more pelican sculptures on each rock
- One monument at each of the following two locations: 1) the La Jolla Blvd. median/splitter south of the Colima roundabout and 2) the La Jolla Blvd. median/splitter north of the Camino de la Costa roundabout.
- c. Pedestrian Crossing Signal Project: There is no update on this project.

#### d. Bird Rock Newsletter

There will be some changes to the Bird Rock Newsletter and how it is distributed after the December 2024/January 2025 Bird Rock Newsletter is assembled, printed, and distributed. After many years of volunteer service, Barbara is stepping down as the newsletter editor, copy-writer, assembly person, distribution coordinator, and delivery volunteer. We greatly appreciate the effort and thought Barbara has put into ensuring the Bird Rock Newsletter contributed to the Bird Rock community, including its sense of community.

With Barbara's assistance during the transition, we have a plan to ensure the Bird Rock Newsletter continues to contribute to the BRCCs efforts to support a strong sense of community, community involvement, a thriving and diverse commercial district, which benefits the community, and the BRE. Under the plan, we will do the following:

- Reduce the number of printed copies.
- Have printed newsletters available at a few merchants on the Blvd.
- Continue home deliveries to residents who want a print copy and are unable to pick one
  up on the Blvd.
- Share the responsibilities for the newsletter among the Board and others.

For this plan to succeed, we need your help. Please send an email to <a href="info@birdrockcc.org">info@birdrockcc.org</a> if you have ideas for the Bird Rock Newsletter, are willing to help with any of the many jobs that Barbara has done so well or know someone who is willing to help.

# e. BRCC Elections

- The candidates are Christine McVay, Joe Terry, and Janette Williams.
- On Nov 8, a ballot and candidate statements were mailed to each current BRCC member who had not provided an email address.
- On Nov 8, Friday, a ballot and candidate statements were mailed to each current BRCC member who had provided an email address.
- Mailed ballots sent to BRCC, 5666 La Jolla Blvd. PMB #168, La Jolla, CA 92037, must be postmarked no later than November 12, 2024, or received by 5:00 pm on November 15, 2024.

- Ballots that are hand-delivered must be received by no later than 5:00 PM on November 15, 2024.
- Voted ballots may be submitted electronically to info@birdrockcc.org.
- Electronic votes are due by 5 pm on Friday, November 15, 2024.
- In order to cast a ballot, you must be a current 2024 BRCC voting member, and there can be only one vote per property address.

# f. I Love a Clean San Diego, Adopt-A-Beach Program

The next beach cleanup will be in November or December. Please watch for emails from <a href="mailto:info@birdrockcc.org">info@birdrockcc.org</a> with info about the next beach cleanup and the subsequent beach adoption party.

If you have questions or suggestions or are willing to help in any way, please send an email to <a href="mailto:info@birdrockcc.org">info@birdrockcc.org</a>.

# g. Highlight the History of Bird Rock Project

There is nothing to report on this project

# h. Happy Hours Project

The next happy hour is being planned. Please watch for an email from <a href="mailto:info@birdrockcc.org">info@birdrockcc.org</a> with info about the next happy hour.

#### 5. Other Events

#### a. BirdStock

#### Report from the BirdStock committee

- The BirdStock team was pleased with BirdStock 2024 and has received positive feedback from the community, merchants, musicians, and vendors about the event and its impact on the community.
- There were an estimated 6,000-8,000 attendees over the course of the day.
- This is up from 2,000-3,000 estimated attendees last year.
- Eateries appeared busy throughout the day and into the evening.
- There was greater media coverage of the event than in previous years, both before and after (ex. La Jolla Light, San Diego Union-Tribune, LaJolla.ca).
- The La Jolla Light photographed the event.
- After the event ended and the next day, BirdStock organizers and a professional cleaning service provider cleaned up trash left in private and public areas of the Blvd.
- Traffic control successfully and safely closed/opened the Blvd at scheduled times and there were no reported traffic incidents.
- There were no reported medical emergencies and no reported safety concerns.
- The cost of the event was approximately \$30,000.

- These costs were covered by sponsorships and vendor fees.
- Revenue is not yet finalized.
- Profit currently sits at approximately \$8,000 as of 10/26.
- This is up from approximately \$4,000 (final) last year.
- Thank you notes are currently being sent to all sponsors, vendors, and merchants.
- Feedback has been requested from merchants and vendors.

#### BRCC at BirdStock

- The BRCC Treasurer, Barbara Dunbar, had a substantially larger role in BirdStock this year, which included addressing insurance and bookkeeping issues.
- The BRCC had a prime spot on the Blvd.
- The new BRCC pop-up canopy and table cover contributed to the number of people who visited the BRCC booth.
- Nine people paid for new memberships and received a BRCC cap (8 individuals and 1 business) and two people made a \$35 donation and received a BRCC cap.
- The nine new memberships and other donations provided \$570 in revenue.

#### b. Halloween Window Painting and Halloween Night

These two Halloween events were well attended and successful. Please provide feedback on either or both events via an email to <a href="mailto:info@birdrockcc.org">info@birdrockcc.org</a>. We will use your feedback to make the events even better next year, in part by addressing any problems you identify for this year's events.

#### c. City of La Jolla Petition Drive

The BRCC continues to support the petition drive. If it is successful, the County will provide info that will help Bird Rockers and others decide whether to support creating the City of La Jolla.

Have you heard about the initiative for La Jolla to become its own city? Learn more at cityoflajolla.org.

<u>Where are we in the process?</u> The first step was to conduct a financial analysis. It showed the City of La Jolla is financially feasible without negatively affecting the City of San Diego.

**What's next?** The next step is to gather petition signatures from 25% of registered La Jolla voters by December 1, 2024.

The petition is not a vote for or against cityhood. It is a request for the San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to conduct an independent assessment of the feasibility of La Jolla becoming a self-governed city. We are close to our signature goal but need your help Bird Rockers

**How can you help?** Please sign the petition at one of the following businesses or events by December 1 and encourage all the registered voters at your address (plus friends) to do the same.

Beaumont's Bird Rock Animal Hospital

Pedego La Jolla Leasing Office of Park La Jolla Apartments

LJ Mailbox Rentals La Jolla Farmers Market - every Sunday

#### **Bird Rock Coffee Roasters**

You can learn more or get involved by attending the Community Visioning workshop at the La Jolla Riford Library on Tuesday, November 12, from 5-7 PM. This is an opportunity for residents to put forth their own ideas and priorities for a future City of La Jolla.

If you have questions or completed signature pages to return, contact Sharon Wampler, ACLJ Board member, at sharon\_wampler@yahoo.com or 858-414-1346 (mobile)

# d. Coyotes AKA Our Other Neighbors

Be aware, there are coyotes in Bird Rock. No matter what you think about having coyotes in our neighborhood or living in theirs, it is important to be alert to their presence, know what to do if you come across one and how to protect your small animals by not leaving their food outside or by not leaving them outside unattended as food.

Michelle Fulks, who is the lead for the Bird Rock Neighborhood Watch Program, provided the following info on recent coyote sightings in Bird Rock.

There have been three coyote sightings along Colima: the first was Oct 20 at 6:58 AM at Beaumont and Colima; another was Oct 21 at 1:00 AM at Colima and Taft; and the third was Oct 22 at 7:15 AM this morning at the corner of Colima and La Jolla Hermosa.

Fatima Maciel, who is our new contact for the Mayor's Office, provided the following info:

The San Diego County Animal Services Department oversees Wildlife concerns. However, they will only respond when a wild creature is posing an immediate threat to humans or other animals. They do not respond to reports of wildlife being loose or simply roaming.

If you see a coyote, the San Diego County's Department of Animal Services (DAS) advises to stop and yell at it to go away; make yourself big and scary by waving your arms above your head; maintain eye contact; stomp your feet and make loud noises; always maintain a safe distance.

For more information on the types of services the San Diego County Animal Services Department provides, please visit their website: **Wildlife**. If you have any additional

questions or advice on how to handle coyote encounters, I encourage you to contact them directly.

The UC Davis, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources provides the following and more useful info **HERE**.

#### In Brief:

- In urban and suburban areas, coyotes prey on domestic pets like cats and small dogs and may also eat garbage, pet food, and fruit.
- Coyotes resemble small German shepherd dogs but have a longer, thinner snout and a bushy, black-tipped tail.
- Coyotes can live in almost any habitat in California, and some have adapted to life in residential neighborhoods and parks.
- Ensure garbage containers have tight-fitting lids to prevent coyotes or other pests from gaining access to this regular food source.

They provide additional useful info **HERE**.

You can report coyote sightings and contribute to their research efforts **HERE**.

#### e. The Susan G. Komen San Diego 3-Day Walk

The Susan G. Komen San Diego 3-Day walkers will be walking through Bird Rock this Friday (Nov 15) from 11:00 am – 3:15 pm. Last year, the incredible group of walkers raised over \$5.3 MILLION dollars to fulfill the mission of Susan G. Komen, which is to save lives by meeting the most critical needs in our communities and investing in breakthrough research to prevent and cure breast cancer.

You and your group can make the miles fun by cheering, clapping, handing out candy or playing music, by creating a sign, or driving by and honking to show your support. Community support along the way is the most memorable and rewarding aspect of the event for many of the walkers. Please come out to inspire them further, to cheer them on and to thank them. Your cheers of encouragement will help the walkers go that extra mile. Every step we take is one step closer to a cure.

Please note that our walkers will walk rain or shine. Only the threat of lightning or very dangerous conditions will change this plan.

Helpful info for groups that plan to cheer on the walkers is **HERE**.

### 6. Updates from Bird Rock Working Groups

# a. Neighborhood Watch

If you have any questions about the Bird Rock Neighborhood Watch or want to volunteer, send an email to <a href="mailto:info@birdrockcc.org">info@birdrockcc.org</a>.

b. Ad hoc Bird Rock Coastal Committee (Don Schmidt, Mary Lynn Hyde)

# Coming soon.

c. Bird Rock Merchants District (Craig Bender and Ron Fineman)

# Coming soon.

7. Next BRCC Community Meeting

Please join us in person for the December Meeting/Holiday Even at a day, time and place to be announced very soon via an email from <a href="mailto:info@birdrockcc.org">info@birdrockcc.org</a>.

- 8. Adjournment
- B. Annual Bird Rock MAD Meeting (More detail coming soon.)
- 1. Welcome Bird Rock MAD Property Owners and Public Attendees
- 2. Bird Rock MAD Updates
- 3. Public Comments and Questions
- 4. Adjournment

#### **Appendix**

Written Updates from the Representatives of Elected Officials

1. Codi Vierra, Field Representative, Office of Congressman Scott Peters, Codi.Vierra@mail.house.gov, 858-455-5550

**Update from the Office of Congressman Scott Peters Bird Rock Community Council Meeting, 11/12/2024** 

# **Updates from Washington, D.C.**

Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, President Joe Biden signed

Representatives Scott Peters' (D-CA-50) and Jen Kiggans' (R-VA-02) <u>Building Chips in America Act</u> to help bring microchip manufacturing back to America while maintaining environmental protections for clean air and water. The legislation passed in the House last month and <u>passed in the Senate</u>, where it is led by Senators Mark Kelly (D-AZ) and Ted Cruz (R-TX), in

December 2023. Original cosponsors of the legislation include Senators Bill Hagerty (R-TN), Todd Young (R-IN), and Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Representatives Michael McCaul (R-TX-10), Brandon Williams (R-NY-22), and Colin Allred (D-TX-32).

- o "Last year, Congress made historic investments in our microchip industry that are supercharging innovation in San Diego and around the country," said Rep Peters. "Unfortunately, the use of CHIPS funding triggers unnecessary and duplicative reviews, which slows down building these projects. Today, we are ensuring that we do not lose a second in the fight for the future while maintaining the world standard in environmental protection. Thank you to President Biden and to the bipartisan majority in both chambers that put partisanship aside to boost domestic chip manufacturing."
- o Following the passage of the CHIPS and Science Act, companies throughout the semiconductor supply chain have announced plans to invest hundreds of billions in new domestic manufacturing projects. Under current law, CHIPS Act investments will be considered major federal actions under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and require each project receiving assistance to undergo additional environmental analysis, even for projects that have already received all their state and federal environmental permits and begun construction. The Building Chips in America Act will ensure federal environmental reviews are completed in a timely manner for these microchip projects by streamlining approval for projects currently under construction and others that could be delayed, and by providing the Secretary of Commerce greater tools to efficiently carry out reviews.
- o This is Rep. Peters' third bill to become law this Congress. It follows his Advanced Reactor Fee Reduction Act and his Global Nuclear Energy Assessment and Cooperation Act, which became law as part of the ADVANCE Act in July.
- o Rep. Peters has been a leader on permitting reform and the broader discussion on combating climate change. Since joining Congress in 2013, he has authored and passed consequential climate legislation including the <u>POWER ON Act</u>, <u>USEIT Act</u>, and the <u>American Innovation and Manufacturing Leadership Act</u> that became law through a historic energy package in 2020, as well as a <u>resolution</u> to restore robust regulations on methane pollution that was signed into law in 2021. He is also the author of the <u>SPEED and Reliability Act</u> and <u>BIG</u>

<u>WIRES Act</u>, legislation to expedite and encourage the buildout of long-distance electrical transmission lines that are essential to our clean energy future.

o Click <u>here</u> for a summary of the *Building Chips in America Act*. o Click <u>here</u> for the full bill text.

# **Updates from San Diego**

- On September 30<sup>th</sup>, Rep. Peters joined federal, state, and local partners to celebrate the start of a project that will help end the scourge of crossborder wastewater pollution. This project, which will be completed in the spring, will rehabilitate a gate that controls the flow of sewage into the wastewater treatment plant on our side of the border. When we can't control the flows that come in, the plant is overwhelmed, often leading to breakdowns of key infrastructure. This is a critical first step to rehabilitating and expanding the plant so that it can process double its current capacity. This repair is funded by the <u>increased construction budget</u> that Rep. Peters secured alongside his San Diego colleagues in Congress earlier this year.
- On Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, Rep. Peters joined HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra to announce the White House's new proposed rule that will require private insurers to cover over-the-counter birth control and other contraceptives. Rep. Peters believes that individuals deserve the freedom to choose when and if they start a family. That is why he supports numerous bills to ensure individuals can access contraception across the United States.

#### Congressional App Challenge

- o The competition is for students enrolled in middle or high school. Students may compete individually or in teams of up to four.
- Our office hosted an info session/Hackathon with the San Diego
   Supercomputer Center at UCSD on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> with 20 participants.
- The Congressional App Challenge application deadline closed on October 24<sup>th</sup>,
   2024. CA-50 received 31 applications, an increase from prior years. The judging period has now begun.
- o A winner will be announced in early December 2024. Every spring, winning individuals or teams are invited to Capitol Hill where they demo their apps to their Representatives at a celebration called #HouseOfCode. It's the most prestigious demo day in student STEM the new national science fair. At #HouseOfCode students get to see their apps displayed in the U.S. Capitol

Building, meet their Representatives, and connect with other coders from around the country!

- o More information is available at <a href="https://scottpeters.house.gov/appchallenge">https://scottpeters.house.gov/appchallenge</a>. For questions, please call our office at (858) 455-5550 or email <a href="mailto:Codi.Vierra@mail.house.gov">Codi.Vierra@mail.house.gov</a>.
- **Service Academy Nominations** o On Thursday, August 29th, Rep. Peters hosted a Service Academy Info night at the Doyle Elementary School Auditorium.
  - o The application period for the 2024 Service Academy Nominations for CA-50 closed on October 18th. o More information is available at <a href="https://scottpeters.house.gov/service-academy-nominations">https://scottpeters.house.gov/service-academy-nominations</a>. o For questions, please call our office at (858) 455-5550 or email <a href="mailto:CA50serviceacademynoms@mail.house.gov">CA50serviceacademynoms@mail.house.gov</a>.
- Congressional Art Competition o The San Diego History Center has closed its summer display of our 2024 Congressional Art Competition participants' artwork. Students' artwork is now available for pickup at our District Office, located near UTC at 4350 Executive Drive Suite 105, San Diego, CA 92121.

Our office hours are generally M-F, 9 am-5 pm. You may call ahead if desired at (858) 455-5550.

# 2. Emily Piatanesi, Policy Advisor, Office of Mayor Todd Gloria, and Community Lead on The 970 Turquoise Street Project

The Mayor believes this project is an extreme application of State Density Bonus Law, which is intended to provide incentives for building affordable housing. This project does not meet the spirit of affordable housing legislation.

As a result, on September 16, 2024, our office submitted a technical assistance request to the California Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD) to ensure this project complies with all applicable regulations in the State Density Bonus Law. Furthermore, our office remains in close communication with HCD and community leaders in an effort to meet the needs of Pacific Beach residents.

The Development Services Department will conduct thorough reviews including water and sewer capacity, fire safety, traffic congestion, seismic activity, and other reviews before a determination on a permit issuance is made. To be clear, our Development Services Department is still early in the review process. We are waiting for the California Department of Housing & Community Development's (HCD) guidance before making a final determination.

Pro-housing cities such as San Diego have gone above and beyond to do their part to address the affordable housing crisis. The Mayor has long been an advocate for creating more affordable homes for San Diegans of all incomes. However, this project does not align with State or City policies to build more affordable homes and will not address the affordable housing crisis in San Diego's coastal communities.

In addition, I have attached the joint letter from the Mayor and Council President Pro Tem LaCava addressed to the PB Planning Group.

Again, please reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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MAYOR



October 8, 2024

Pacific Beach Taylor Library c/o Marcella Bothwell, Chair Pacific Beach Planning Group 4275 Cass Street San Diego, CA 92109

RE: Project Vela - 970 Turquoise Street (PRJ-1121764)

Dear Chair Bothwell,

Thank you for discussing this project at this month's Pacific Beach Planning Group (PBPG) meeting. We are writing to express our deep concerns with the project, particularly its extreme application of State Density Bonus Law, which is intended to provide incentives to build affordable housing. This application of the density bonus does not appear to meet the spirit of affordable housing law.

On August 20, 2024, the City of San Diego's Development Services Department (DSD) received a building permit application for this mixed-use project utilizing State Density Bonus Law. The project's residential component includes a total of 74 units, only 10 of which are income-restricted affordable units for very low- and moderate-income households. The project uses an incentive to receive an additional Floor Area Ratio (FAR) bonus to create 139 visitor accommodation units, which are permitted as commercial uses typically operating as a hotel.

On September 16, 2024, the City of San Diego submitted a technical assistance request to the California Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD) to assess whether this project complies with all applicable regulations in State Density Bonus Law. Furthermore, the City remains in close communication with HCD and community leaders in an effort to meet the needs of Pacific Beach residents.

Pro-housing cities such as San Diego have gone above and beyond to address the affordable housing crisis. We have long been advocates for creating more affordable homes for San Diegans of all incomes; however, this project does not align with State or City policies intended to build more affordable homes. In fact, as proposed, this project would mostly function as a hotel and will not help address the affordable housing crisis in San Diego's coastal communities.

We must not allow pro-housing policies to be usurped for purposes that do not meet a public benefit or respond to the State's housing affordability crisis. We plan to work with our state representatives to address this loophole in State Density Bonus Law and plan to sponsor amendments for consideration in the next State legislative cycle. We will share updates on this effort as more information becomes available.

Thank you again for the opportunity to share our concerns about this project with you. We appreciate your openness to the discussion and will keep PBPG apprised of any updates we receive from HCD and the project applicant as we continue to review the submission.

Sincerely,

TODD GLORIA

Mayor

City of San Diego

JOE LACAVA

Council President Pro Ter

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3. Aurora Livingston, District Representative for Senate District 38, Catherine Blakespear, <u>Aurora.Livingston@sen.ca.gov</u>

Senator Blakespear Legislative Update - November 2024

#### **Bills**

13/14 of Senator Blakespear's bills that were sent to the Governor were signed into law.

Here are a few highlights:

**SB 1053** will require grocery store check-out counters to eliminate plastic bags and only use paper bags. The law goes into effect in 2026 and doesn't affect other plastic bags in stores.

**SB 689** saves cities time and money by allowing certain bike lane projects to go through a streamlined process at the Coastal Commission and create safer streets.

**SB 1361** helps cities address homelessness by streamlining the process for certain homeless serving shelter contracts.

**SB 1002** gives local law enforcement the tools and information they need to enforce existing laws that prohibit individuals with severe mental illnesses from possessing firearms.

#### **Elections**

As the Chair of the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee, Senator Blakespear, toured the OC Registrar of Voters office to better understand all the various procedures that take place to execute an election. The tour boosted her confidence in the election process.

#### Insurance

Senator Blakespear is a member of the **Senate Insurance Working Group** that is collaborating on reforms to address the state's insurance issues.

Information and Resources can be found at the California Department of Insurance website.

She held a Fire Insurance Webinar earlier this year. You can watch it here.

#### **Internships Available**

Accepting Applications for the Internship Program in the District Offices. Apply today!

#### Local

# **Proposed Housing Project in Pacific Beach**

- Senator Blakespear released a statement regarding the proposed housing project at 970 Turquoise St. in Pacific Beach.
- Along with Mayor Gloria, Councilmember LaCava, and Senator Atkins, she is also concerned about the unreasonable project that was proposed under the guise of adding affordable housing using State Density Bonus Law.
- The intent of this law is to create affordable housing, and as it stands, that is not what this project does.
- Requesting technical assistance from HCD is the appropriate next step. They need to clarify whether this project meets the intent of the law.
- Senator Blakespear believes that we need to increase the housing supply through gentle density measures that enhance existing neighborhoods and preserve community character while avoiding high rises on our coast.
- The Senator met with the President of the PB Town Council and the Chair of the PB Planning Board on 11/6 to hear directly from community leaders.