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Regards, Paul Henkin

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Date: Tuesday, May 27, 2025 11:30:08 AM

Hi Andres,

And given the number of homeless they don't even count, it's a wonder that they even bother!

A good spin of the lottery wheel might produce the better results they want. But really, the number of homeless people in jail or hospitals is a pretty easily found figure - probably easier to find than alot of the homeless too!

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Subject: Re: Fw: FIRST-GLANCE NUMBERS ON SD COUNTY HOMELESS COUNT ARE GOOD

Greetings, Elected Officials in the greater San Diego County.

I believe all of you, by now, should have asked these two questions::

1. Were all the previous years' one-night point-in-time counts done also in January?
2. Who thought and/or approved of doing these one-night point-in-time counts during a cold month when most homeless persons abandon their vagrancy on our streets to seek warmer places? Whoever that/those person/s is/are, he/she/they should be made accountable for all the tax dollars wasted on this poorly timed count.

Please inform your constituents of the answers to the above questions, answers which your respective research teams should already have obtained as early as February this year.

Looking forward to those answers. Soon.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Andres Wong

Chula Vista

On Wed, May 21, 2025 at 8:48 PM <henkinp@earthlink.net> wrote:

Good news

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Hello All,

The Point-in-Time count overall shows a 7% decrease in homeless persons in the County and a 14% decrease in San Diego.

While this is great news, the numbers are probably wrong.

The point-in-time count was done on one night in January.

They don't count people in jail or prison (San Diego has been active in that regard.) In Houston, 2017, counting people in jail increased the count by 57%. Some cities (SD among them) do not include hospitalized persons. They don't count people taken in by relatives (which they may be more willing to do on a cold January night for a few nights.) Probably omit people in hard-to-get-to areas, like rugged terrain of national forests or canyons and riverbeds.

[<https://homelesslaw.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/HUD-PIT-report2017.pdf>] and I verified this data.

The number may be higher now during better weather.

John Brady with Lived Experience Advisors in this Article says the number of homeless his org serves is going up. And the number of Seniors and people living in their cars rose 5 to 7%, which is troubling.

I find it very troubling that both the RTFH CEO and Point-in-Time Count director Tamera Kohler, myself, and others have for months warned of landlords' huge rent increases and the low number of units actually available to lower incomes (very low income=30% AMI, not 50% as the latest County affordable complex claimed.) Most landlords get away with only 5 to 10% of their units for the very low income people.

Regards,

Paul Henkin

[NBC San Diego](#)

Homelessness down across San Diego County, new data shows

Story by Shelby Bremer [5-21-2025]

The number of people experiencing homelessness across San Diego County fell by 7% over the past year, according to data from the Point-in-Time Count released Tuesday by the Regional Task Force on Homelessness.

The annual tally was conducted over one night in January, with about 1,700 volunteers fanning across the county to count people living on the streets, in shelters or without secure housing.

"It's a freeze frame. It's a one-night count. It's measured year-over-year, and it's one that you can see the trends. And this reduction is measurable," said RTFH CEO Tamera Kohler. "That's why we're encouraged by it."

The count found at least 9,905 people experiencing homelessness countywide, down from 10,605 in the 2024 count. The latest figure includes 5,714 unsheltered San Diegans and 4,191 people in shelters and transitional housing, according to the RTFH.

In the city of San Diego, homelessness dropped by 14%, the data shows, and veteran homelessness fell countywide by 25%. But the count found seniors 55 and older experiencing homelessness for the first time grew by 5%, and the number of people living in their cars increased by 7%.

“It’s hard to see the difference between 100 people and 90 people, right? Because what you’re seeing is still a lot of people,” Kohler said.

But some advocates like John Brady with Lived Experience Advisors cast doubt on the figures – flagging that the task force’s monthly data has shown for the majority of the past three years, more people entering homelessness than exiting it. He said it doesn’t represent the reality he sees on the ground.

“Either a lot of people died or a lot of people are in jail or we just, given the inaccuracies of the Point-in-Time count, we just didn’t manage to get everybody,” Brady said, calling the release “bait for political leaders.”

“Numbers have not gone down. They’ve gone up. We are serving more people than ever,” he continued. “For the everyday citizens, it’s confusing, I think. But for the people on the streets, they’re like, ‘What? Who are they kidding?’”

In East Village, Drusilla Yescas said she’s been living on the streets for about five years.

“I need a decent place that’s a third of my income. That’s all. That’s all I’m asking for,” she said.

On that, Brady and Kohler both agreed.

“We still have a problem with the housing affordability here in the region,” Brady said.

“More affordable rents is really what San Diego needs,” said Kohler.

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Good Afternoon, Andrew,

When it becomes obvious that speakers are not here, and that brings the number below 10, you should allow 2 minutes per speaker. This would allow more time to present good ideas and positive suggestions.

Also, it would be nice not to cut off people mid-sentence, as far as possible. It would be nice to see what the end of the sentence is - maybe a good idea or suggestion.

Regards,

Paul Henkin

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NOT A FLICKER - I'm tired of the County supporting the City and, it seems, other outsiders too, when it has a deficit. Let's not set a precedent (especially for the City which seems to come around fairly often with its hat out.)

Regards, Paul

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**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER WITH
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SAN DIEGO COUNTY SUPERVISOR
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DISTRICT 3

Dear Paul,

From Ocean Beach to La Jolla Shores, San Diego's beach fire rings have been part of our coastal life for generations—the backdrop for countless birthday parties, first dates, family BBQs, and quiet evenings by the sea.



But this summer, this tradition could go dark.

Many people don't realize that the fire rings are at risk of disappearing. Due to the City of San Diego's proposed budget cuts, funding to maintain them may be eliminated—meaning they could be removed entirely. While the rings themselves are simple structures, keeping them safe and usable takes real work: clearing ash, disposing of debris, and meeting coastal safety and environmental standards.

This is a City budget issue—not something within the County's jurisdiction—but I've heard from many residents who are deeply concerned. I represent these beach areas on behalf of the County, and I think we have an opportunity to help. If the City Council is unable to restore funding during their final budget deliberations next month, I

believe it's worth exploring whether the County could step in on a *temporary, emergency basis* to keep these San Diego landmarks alive.

Over the years, we've used County grants to support everything from 4th of July parades and community festivals to mural projects, little league fields, and neighborhood cleanups. These grants help preserve the unique traditions and public spaces that bring people together—especially in coastal communities like ours.

Saving the fire rings while the City secures long-term funding could be one more way the County could lend a hand to an important community asset.

But before we take any steps, we want to hear from you.



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to add your name—and share your thoughts—on what the fire rings have meant to you.

We'd love to hear your memories or reflections—whether it's a photo of your kids roasting marshmallows, a quiet moment with friends around a fire, or even concerns you may have about safety or environmental impact. Whatever your view, this decision should be shaped by our community and the people who live here.

We know the City Council is facing extremely tough choices. If they're able to preserve the fire rings, that's a win for everyone. But if not, I want to be ready to explore how the County can partner to help, and that starts with your input.

Thank you for being part of the conversation.

Warmly,

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Cc: [FGG, Public Comment](#)
Subject: [External] PROCLAMATIONS or AD BIZ?
Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 11:51:49 AM

Hi All,

Is this proclamation time, or just an opportunity to waste our time while advertising your cause and wasting our time for a giant infomercial?

There is free speech, but this is a business meeting and Government business should be first, not ad biz

I forget who made the suggestion during the debate on how to give speakars more time at the Board, but I agree that there should be a limit on time spent/wasted on proclamations.

Regards,

Paul Henkin

From: [D Sackos](#)
To: [FGG, Public Comment](#)
Subject: [External] Balboa park and zoo
Date: Friday, June 6, 2025 8:31:37 AM

Please emplore San Diego to not charge for parking at balboa or zoo. I think this will impact families who utilize park and the restaurants, theater and museums.

This is a county park utilized for many events, summer activities for families of the entire county.

Thanks in advance

Diane Sackos

From: [Jordan Human](#)
To: [Anderson, Joel](#); Remer@sdcounty.ca.gov; [MontgomerySteppe, Monica](#); [Desmond, Jim](#); [FGG, Public Comment](#); MayorToddGloria@sanidiego.gov; CityClerk@sanidiego.gov; JoeLaCava@sanidiego.gov; JenniferCampbell@sanidiego.gov; StephenWhitburn@sanidiego.gov; henryfoster@sanidiego.gov; MarnivonWilpert@sanidiego.gov; KentLee@sanidiego.gov; RaulCampillo@sanidiego.gov; VivianMoreno@sanidiego.gov; SeanEloRivera@sanidiego.gov; [FGG, Communications](#); [Glenn, Tammy](#); [Sweeney, Sarah](#); [Christensen, Thomas](#)
Subject: [External] San Diego Families Deserve Protection from ICE Raids
Date: Sunday, June 8, 2025 10:46:04 AM
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SAN DIEGO FAMILIES DESERVE PROTECTION FROM ICE RAIDS

My name is Jordan Irene Human, and I am a mother of two school-aged children and an office manager at an HVAC company here in San Diego. I'm writing to express my deep concern and opposition to the ICE raids currently taking place in our city. These operations are not only disrupting lives—they are creating lasting fear in our schools, homes, and neighborhoods.

I live in the middle of this reality, My children are afraid. They worry about their friends. My son, who is part Hispanic and was born right here at Kaiser Zion, no longer wants to play outside or even leave the house. My daughter, also born here, senses this tension too. School should be a safe place for learning, not a place where our kids hear about raids and wonder if someone they love will disappear.

As a working parent. I'm trying to keep things stable. But these raids are making our lives extremely difficult. They're turning our learning environments into fear filled spaces, and it's mentally and emotionally exhausting for families like mine. I did not vote for this—and I don't believe the majority of us did, either.

I also want to ask: How much are these raids costing us as taxpayers? We need transparency and accountability for how our public dollars are being spent—especially when those dollars are funding actions that harm the very communities you were elected to protect.

Please don't allow silence or politics to stand in the way of doing what's right. Families like mine are watching, and we need to know that our city is standing with us—not against us.

Sincerely,

Jordan Irene Human

San Diego Resident & Mother

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Cc: [FGG, Public Comment](#); [San Diego UT Senior Editor](#); [San Diego UT Community Op Ed](#)
Subject: [External] TRASH FEES - A BETTER WAY
Date: Sunday, June 8, 2025 9:00:34 PM

Hi Mayor, Councilmembers,

Your trash fees are essentially a tax on property owners to make up for the huge deficit which was the result of bad decisions and deferred maintenance that you are responsible for (whether or not you started it.)

People are angry and many of them can see through to the actual reason for your schemes. They rejected your prop E tax hike, basically your attempt to turn them into your piggy bank. I wonder what they will do to the trash fee?

That's what corrupt governments all over are doing – ad biz based on manipulated data and making the real data so hard to get at that most give up or it comes out years down the road. Targeting specific people belies all of the equity policies you've pushed. Meanwhile, you're leaving even more of a mess behind to the next mayor. Tourism is down. That is a pretty strong opinion poll that San Diego needs to get its act together.

Regards,

Paul Henkin

NEWSARTICLE:

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Opinion: A fair path forward on new trash fees for San Diego homeowners

Opinion by Times of San Diego [6-8-2025]

San Diego is broke and its leaders have convinced voters that people who live in less dense housing should pay more into city coffers.

Elected leaders' efforts targeting people who live in single-family homes and fewer than four-unit condo or apartment buildings will come to a head on Monday when the City Council may approve fees of nearly \$600 a year for some residents — fees that will rise rapidly to nearly \$800 over the next three years.

To sell those fees, the city hired Bay Area consultants known for setting the highest trash collection rates in California (including Long Beach, Oakland and San Jose) and spent no less than \$4.5 million to hold the least scientific survey ever — aimed at raising the cost of service from the \$73 million in the city's request for proposal to the \$155 million the consultants arrived at. And despite requests, city officials so far won't release the consultants' underlying data.

The “public participation” exercise never offered the choice to keep the existing service at its affordable cost — not even mentioned in the final study. Instead, the final proposed fees are twice what the Measure B ballot language promised and many services won't be available for two years or more.

The nasty campaign targeting single-family homeowners was largely ignorant of facts — including that the census concluded that about a third of single-family home residents are actually renters, that more than a third are below median income, up to 24% are seniors still paying mortgages, and so on. About 47,000 households that relied on the city service are now being pushed to use private haulers — though no

deadline was set. And the favored billing mechanism is based on liens that can end in foreclosure.

As this unfolded, it became apparent that the city has no idea who is using its trash system. The city spends nearly \$20 million a year on private haulers for its own facilities — while allowing wasteful, overlapping routes for commercial haulers. In a limited scope audit, the city found that private haulers — and their customers — are not paying their fair share at the landfill and for road damage.

The punch line: everyone's trash costs are going to increase.

And the cost of service study includes new, previously unplanned hires and purchases, failed and deferred past maintenance and a clutch of programs like I Love A Clean San Diego that do not serve households.

So I'd like to propose a truly fair and sound path forward.

First, set fees for the first year at the monthly rate promised in the ballot language, \$23 to \$29. We know the city needs money but the burden of digging the government out of the hole it climbed into should not be shouldered by less than half the city's households. While Sean Elo-Rivera and Joe LaCava looked at their homes in Kensington and La Jolla, they forgot about Southcrest, almost all of Districts 4 and 8, and neighborhoods like North Clairemont where most homeowners earn less than median income.

Second, create a citizen oversight committee with meaningful input to review annual increases and keep them affordable.

As to billing, the city recently celebrated the Public Utilities Department's course correction, including adding effective software. That's where the trash bill belongs. Tax roll billing is a direct line to foreclosure. Cities already have the legal authority to get property liens for unpaid utility

bills. We need to have the checks and balances of a fair process, and the benefit of prompt, current responses to billing concerns and mistakes that cannot occur with annual tax roll billing.

Trash fees should reflect our larger goals of creating less waste and recycling more. In the haste to get bills onto the tax rolls, our officials bought a scheme that encourages creating waste. That's dumb.

Every trash-maker should be funding disposal equally — preferably based on use. Every trash-maker should be funding the landfill and paying for damage to the roads. People in multi-unit buildings make about the same amount of trash as people in single-family homes. It's nonsensical to charge trash-makers more because of the structure we live in.

The rates should reflect that many services and promises won't come online immediately. For example, weekly recycling and chipped bins; and bulky item pick-up won't begin until July 2027. Discounts for low-income people apply to less than 10% at best and won't come online for at least a year — if ever.

A million plastic containers will be recycled and a million new ones will be purchased. California's lawsuit against big oil companies over plastics recycling tells us they will be burned. Then we'll spend at least \$15 million on new ones. Can't we simply attach RFID chips to the existing bins?

Instead of drowning in empty promises and outright lies — many based in ignorance — let's develop strategies that actually reduce waste and include the customers. That could build trust and generate good ideas instead of what elected officials are doing now by dividing, lying and trying to conquer.

When elected city officials roll out duplicitous, ignorant programs that drive up the cost to live here while dismissing our concerns, there's good reason not to trust them and scorn their stated goals.

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