

Hi {{FirstName}},

80th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT'S WOMEN OF THE YEAR

Last month, Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez recognized 15 women as part of the 80th Assembly District "Women of the Year Awards" celebration. I'm honored that I was among the recipients of this recognition. Thank you to Assemblywoman Gonzalez for giving me an opportunity to meet and reconnect with *sheroes* whose dedication to our communities inspire me every day.



SAN DIEGO CITY BUDGET

On May 14, Mayor Kevin Faulconer released his revisions to the City's fiscal year 2020 budget: <https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/fy20mayrevision.pdf>. The proposed budget and recent additions show that he does not prioritize low-income workers and communities.

Specifically, he failed to:

- invest in protecting workers from wage theft,
- include protections for renters facing evictions and possible houselessness,
- fund language access for all residents through interpretation at Community Planning Group meetings, and
- prioritize environmental justice communities when addressing mobility and climate change.

This is your city and your budget—fight for the San Diego you want to see! There's still time for you to get involved before the budget is finalized on June 10. Call (619-236-6330), email (kevinfaulconer@sandiego.gov), and contact Mayor Faulconer on [social media](#)!

Tell Faulconer you stand with the **Community Budget Alliance** and want a budget that reflects the needs of your community. Use the hashtag #OurCityOurBudget and tag @CPIsd on Twitter and @CommunityBudgetAlliance on Facebook.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY BUDGET

The County Board of Supervisors is finalizing its budget for fiscal year 2020. While Supervisor Nathan Fletcher has hosted community forums, the evening budget hearing on June 13 is your opportunity to speak to the entire Board of Supervisors.

Their proposed budget does not fund many services our communities need. To begin to meet those needs, the Board of Supervisors must fund the following:

- a continuum of prevention, early intervention and treatment programming for youth and young adults instead of more incarceration;
- a racial impact report to assess racial bias by the Sheriff's Department;
- increased access to housing units and rental assistance for extremely low- to low-income individuals, families and houseless individuals;
- an Office of Immigrant Affairs and Services to promote pathways to citizenship and civic engagement, and a Universal Representation Program that provides legal assistance for individuals facing deportation;
- an Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement to fight wage theft across the county.

Join us at 5:30 p.m. for the public's [evening budget hearing on June 13](#). The hearing will take place at the County Administration building (1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego). It's our last opportunity before the budget is adopted to have our concerns and priorities heard by the County's highest governing body.

Let us know you're coming by RSVPing on the Invest in San Diego Families' [Facebook event page](#). If you can't join us in person on June 13, you can still let the supervisors know your concerns and priorities through their [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Or you can find out their [individual contact info here](#).

SUPPORT COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION & BUDGET EQUITY

Seven years ago, when the **Center on Policy Initiatives** began bringing community and labor partners together to advocate for more equitable budgets, there were no evening budget hearings and little participation, especially from working families and communities. Today, the process looks different and the people engaged are more diverse and representative of our region.

CPI and our partners in the **Community Budget Alliance** and the **Invest in San Diego Families** coalitions are driving more inclusive budget processes and advocating for infrastructure and services that allow all San Diegans to live in strong and healthy communities.

Please [DONATE TODAY](#) to support this work.

In solidarity,

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