

San Diego Homeless News

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Time's Up, Mayor Faulconer! 4 more years of more sidewalk homeless, fewer toilets, more piss and stench, more downtown "sweeps", & more dope and mental illness caused? Why?

Our Mayor has had more than two years to plan and accomplish something on the homeless problem. In that time, he has succeeded at doubling the number of sidewalk homeless, closing the tent shelters, alienating and torturing us with sweeps and sharp rocks, and closing more toilets than had ever been closed before.

All this has created way worse problems now, both from the perspective of the homeless, and also from the perspective of those who live or operate businesses around us.

Do you want 4 more years of this?

It has all made the homeless more visible, expanded how many live in Pacific Beach, Ocean Beach, and La Jolla, and given San Diego a bad reputation as an awful place with a lot of homeless. **Now, after more than two years of complete failure, Faulconer wants to continue this?** None of his "plans" (or lack thereof) are "new", just re-packaged and re-heated garbage from the past 50 years of failure.

Remember that homelessness is about two things, and two things only: Jobs and Housing Costs. Some help would be accepted if it is an alternative that does not require the homeless to submit to an institution, such as Father Joe's, PATH, or the Housing Commission. Tiny Houses, of course, does exactly that.

Game Over, Mayor Faulconer!

I know of nothing Mayor Faulconer has done, either earlier as a City Council Member, or more recently as Mayor, that has on the homeless issue benefited either the homeless or the residents trying to deal with the homeless. He has "Plans"? Too late for that. What has he done so far?

NOTHING ELSE COUNTS.

ARE YOU STUPID?

All recent plans and promises are the same as the past 50 years, except stacked up differently and presented differently. Nothing new. No matter how you stack the blocks, and how much garnish you add to make the new plan look pretty and new, it is just **same-old same-old**. If you want to continue past and present failures, vote for Faulconer.

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Vote Tuesday, June 7!

This election is more important than the one in November

Lori Saldaña or Ed Harris for Mayor? Either one beats Mayor Faulconer, but we slightly favor Saldaña. (Incidentally, the Spanish "ñ" is Alt 164 on Windows.) As for City Council representing downtown and its homeless, **we back Chris Ward** over Anthony Bernal. Ward called the "rocking" of the homeless "inhumane", and is in favor of Tiny Houses, which could succeed while all other measures have failed for many years, because this idea does not require the homeless to submit to an institution. Bernal takes money from Doug Manchester and the Right, plus wants to "continue" (my words) with the Mayor's Housing Initiative, as if Faulconer actually has one. All of these things are the same for 50 years now, each one packaged a tiny bit differently, but really the same, and each time we are assured that **"Finally, something is really being done about the homeless issue!"** I heard that a thousand times before. It is a lie. May Chris Ward work well with Mayor Saldaña or Harris, even though that is not in the fix. **A whole lot in San Diego needs to be fixed, but not our elections.**

Voters will be deciding whether or not to raise the Minimum Wage in San Diego, and whether to re-elect Mayor Faulconer or have an election in November for Mayor. The Democrats will also be deciding whether **Hillary Clinton** or **Bernie Sanders** should be President. The current deal there is a Clinton-Sanders or Sanders-Clinton ticket. We back **Ed Harris** or **Lori Saldaña** for Mayor, and we back **Kamala Harris** for U.S. Senate, and **Chris Ward** for San Diego City Council. Most of the rest (except the Minimum-Wage Increase) do not stand to affect the poor and/or homeless.

Faulconer on Water Conservation? The best way to conserve water in San Diego is to have fewer people live here, not continually building more housing for the wealthy. Las Vegas got its real estate prices "corrected" by folks moving out, and at one point you could rent a million-dollar condo for about \$600 a month. Doubtful that would happen here, but if it did, that would reduce the homeless problem considerably.

Inside the Elections:

I've been a (black sheep) advisor to the Democratic National Committee since the 1980's, and suggested Bill Clinton for

President. I was the first to suggest Bernie Sanders. In 2008 it was a choice between Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama, and the deal made was that the first female President can wait, and our first Black President would prioritize Hillary's healthcare plan. Obama is a Republican pretending to be a Democrat, of course, and for 2016 I suggested either Clinton-Sanders or Sanders-Clinton, both unbeatable by Trump and his lunatics, short of a murder, Bobby Kennedy style.

Letters - Ideas

Katheryn Rhodes, an Engineer who gets involved in the political things which cause San Diego's homeless problem, writes:

"My main ask for any elected officials is an official **State Department of Finance (DOF) Audit of the Successor Agency (SA) and Low Moderate Income Housing Asset Funds (LMIHAF)** from Fiscal Year 2011 to 2015. This audit will confirm the Conspiracy of the City and Civic San Diego ongoing plans to steal from the poor. Keep up the good work. I enjoy reading your Newsletter." Regards, Katheryn Rhodes

NOTE: SA, the Successor Agency, is called **Civic San Diego, and they provide the services we call the Downtown Partnership and Clean & Safe**, as well as having all city powers of zoning, permits, and much more. They have been criticized in the past for having ties to Organized Crime.

EDITORIAL: The thrust of dealing with homelessness in San Diego has not been to provide housing, nor provide jobs that enable a salary which will pay for housing, but instead to institutionalize the homeless in some sort of a mental hospital, like Father Joe's or PATH. This is not fair, and solves no problems for the bulk of the homeless. Yes, in some cases it is helpful to both those treated, and those around them, the rest of us.

Other News:

Veterans: President Obama has waived some or most of the VA home loan requirements for veterans. Consider owning your own home. Also see "Veterans" under "Ideas" in this edition.

Veterans: Operation Stand Down is July 22-24, and you MUST be present on Friday to attend Sat. or Sun. All are encouraged to apply for admission prior to June 30. Medical, Dental, Optical, Pet Care, Family and Homeless Courts, VA Benefits, clothing, haircuts, and much more.

Tijuana: Elections are early July, a date set up by US President Abraham Lincoln in the 1800's, when he founded the Mexican Political System (there are statues of him everywhere). Elections are a time of turmoil because the drug cartels are run by warring U.S. political factions. Lots of violence results.



In Tijuana, rock installation where the homeless sleep began several weeks ago, and the City is finding out that cleaning out the trash from between rocks is difficult, and cleaning out human poop is even worse.

Think-Tank Meetings:

I have been asked to refer to the **Coalition for Basic Dignity** as the "**Basic Dignity Coalition**", **BDC**, by its sponsor the past 6 years, **Think Dignity** (formerly the Girls Think Tank, GTT). This group meets on the first Thursday of every month, 6 pm,

705 N. 16th St., downtown San Diego. Meetings are open to the public, and free pizza is served. This group met on May 5 with 21 present, including 3 new people, 10 professionals and 8 homeless. • Meetings now have suggested time limits on each topic, which will help make them more successful, and this meeting was a success. • The first topic was the **Ugly Rocks** "rock garden" installed to keep the homeless from taking shelter under the Interstate 5 and Imperial Ave. bridge downtown. There are problems in inclement weather with the 2 tent-shelters closed. The City was said to be "curtailing ways of staying dry". In Tijuana, this method was also used, the rocks being installed about the same time, and that city is finding out that trash accumulates among the rocks and is very difficult to clean out (see photo). The \$57,000 San Diego spent could instead have been used to hire security guards at the Portland Loo toilet which was removed. There may be legal issues regarding Approval and Funding. This issue involves two disenfranchised groups (Sherman Heights residents and the downtown homeless) going against each other, so a meeting is needed. The "Ugly Rocks" issue will certainly be a Mayoral election campaign issue. • **Art** was again spoken of but goes against some of the interests of the homeless. Art is gentrification and beautification, higher rents, more homeless, and too many homeless artists commit suicide. I said that art should reflect how you feel, so why not 50 tons of poop in the middle of the street? • Mediation was suggested for homeless having conflicts, but it becomes too difficult to re-find participants to do that. It was said that, "A day on the streets is a year." Very true. • **Fresh Start Showers** were started in Chula Vista, using mobile trucks. Think Dignity (formerly Girls Think Tank) is working with Dreams For Change, 6-9 PM every second Thursday. For the San Diego Union-Tribune article on that, see

<http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/2016/apr/15/mobile-homeless-shower-launch/?fbshare=2014718> More information, www.DreamsForChange.Org, and www.ThinkDignity.Org.

As you know, mobile services can be used to continuously move the homeless who need them, farther and farther in any direction. So, perhaps the showers can be moved half a city block each week, until our San Diego homeless are in Arizona.

• A group called Kitchens For Good has free culinary schooling for anyone interested, and specializes in those with criminal backgrounds, or the unemployed or underemployed. They have a Facebook page, or www.KitchensForGood.Org. • It appears that the Women's Subcommittee Group again did not get to speak, so this is the agenda that they are interested in: Transsexual Women, Mothers, Sex Offenders under "290" rules, Youth (including both prevention and education), Older Adult Women, Co-Occurring/Dual Diagnosis (this means both a mental disorder and substance abuse at the same time), Veterans, Human Trafficking Victims, Feminine Hygiene Issues, and DV/SA, which stands for Domestic Violence / Substance Abuse. • This is the first meeting I can remember in several years where all the pizza was eaten (we ran out). They currently spend \$60 on pizza and delivery, via a private donor, and I want to thank her. • ♦♦♦♦♦

MAPSS, the Metropolitan Association of Providers of Social Services met Wed., May 25, with 19 present. • The SSI Advocacy Program of County Legal Aid will also help children get disability benefits, beginning July 1. This includes those "aged out" of childhood benefits. • There are currently vacancies in the homeless women's program at YWCA Passages. Must be capable of working. • County HSSA will no longer fund hotel vouchers after June 30. July 1 HSSA combines with HCD (Housing and Community Development). Other agencies, such as Federal EFSP (Emergency Food and Shelter Program) will continue hotel vouchers. Mostly these are distributed by Interfaith Community Services in Escondido, for use in Escondido only, or by South Bay Community Services, for use in Chula Vista only. • There was a presentation by **Real Life Skills**, a nonprofit that teaches changes in how homeless people think. Currently their program is at Connections Housing (PATH), plus mandatory at the San Diego Rescue Mission, and at all jails. They use the power of thought in 8 one-hour classes. Their website is www.RealLifeSkills.Org. Please do not confuse this group with San Diego Life Skills, also called Life Skills of San Diego, which is a faith-based group. • StreetLinks planning came next, with suggestions that we assemble experts on getting housing for sex offenders, or expanding and funding Rapid Rehousing, or a focus on families, or on General Resource information (such as 211), or maybe a review of the VI-SPDAT intake test and whether it works or not. **San Diego Homeless News, Page 2, 6-1-2016** My question

was: "What housing resources exist that do not require the homeless to submit to an institution?" Once again, both the CAPS and VI standardize information, which is awful, because **homeless keep saying that they cannot get housing or a job because of being homeless in the past.** Resource sharing between agencies makes abuses worse because past homelessness has to be kept a big secret. "I cannot hire you, nor can I rent you the apartment, because you were homeless 8 years ago." • In the Problem Solving Forum, we were informed that the MTS Paratransit Workers are on strike, and also that the current system of MTS handicap paperwork may be a violation of HIPAA. 4300 are affected by the strike. There are actually 2 types of Disability under MTS: One allows discounted fares, the other allows the use of Paratransit vehicles. • Next meeting is June 22. ♦♦♦♦ EDITORIAL: "LIFE SKILLS": Be cautioned that most programs that supposedly teach "skills" are actually brainwashing into the propaganda of the Religious Right. The "Life Skills" needed by the homeless, unfortunately, include things like how to shit in the street, how to be clearly visible to tourists and milk them for cash, and **most important of all, how to avoid Classist, Fat-Ass, pompous, self-righteous institutions that want to "help" you into becoming a nut-case.** How about how to have fun using dope, how to have better sex, how to farm marijuana and magic mushrooms, how to deface art and tag obscenities, or even how to kill yourself (the ultimate escape from homelessness)? Those are not necessary of course, but everyone needs to know that the reason they exist is to have fun, and nothing more. Really. You need to know the Secrets of Society, and there is a college course that I prepared to deal with that. **Secrets 089:** http://nz9f.com/yahoo_site_admin/assets/docs/Secrets_089.143163608.pdf You can also access this on PDF Page, www.NZ9F.com/PDF.

Downtown is "SUDDEN": Stinky, Ugly, Dangerous, Dirty, Expensive, and Noisy.

Ideas:

MTS should put monitors on all their busses and trolleys that measure centrifugal force, the amount of push that passengers experience due to turns, acceleration, and braking. Many trucking companies record this data, to save on tires and brakes. In the case of MTS it would save on lawsuits regarding passengers falling over, especially the elderly. A smoother ride is also much safer.

Veterans should get housing as an additional VA benefit, without cost to them. The message we currently send is that the US does not care about veterans, because we can afford \$10 billion for a new weapon, but not decent salaries for retired military. Billeting (military word for housing) on-base or military housing off-base, since there's lots of space with our several wars winding down. These folks sacrificed for our nation, and need a decent retirement salary as opposed to parades, medals, news articles, and speeches.

Snide Comments:

My favorite quote comes from CIA Director George H. Bush, speaking to President Reagan circa 1980: "Elections are so easy to fix that I could get my little boy George W. elected President someday." • I am hoping that Donald Trump can get a room in the same mental hospital as Ross Perot. • A t-shirt for a local restaurant says: "Life is not a Cinderella fairy tale. If you lose your shoe at midnight, you're drunk!" • A "Political Party" is something the candidates and their supporters do around election time, with lots of booze, cocaine, and hookers. • Sign in Mexico: Deport the gringo killing illegal aliens out of Afghanistan. • Are MTS bus route "circulators" racist and classist? • As a scam perpetrated principally upon the poor, religion is a weapon of Class Warfare. • The three social classes in the US are the Ruling Class, the Professionals of the Controlling Class, and the Slave Class. The Controlling ("Middle") Class helps the Ruling Class subjugate, repress, and control the Slave Class. • Karl Marx said that religion is the opiate of the masses. He meant the love generated by Spirituality, of course, and it is also the opiate (or addiction) of the Professionals. • A Cabal is a street gang addicted to love instead of heroin. • Hello Kitty's owner was Chairman Meow. • Mexican politicians' names make me chuckle. One running for Mayor of Tijuana is named Mendivil, pronounced men-d-evil, and the Baja Governor's name is almost exactly the same as

the Spanish slang word for "penis". Monty Python did a spoof on British politicians' names, such as DongWhack Bisquit Barrel, whose tallied number of votes was "naught". • You can tell it is elections time when the commodities for the poor include a frozen pound of 85% lean Angus ground beef. • Help flush the United States down the toilet! Elect a mentally unstable lunatic! Vote for Donald ("Duck") Trump! • Airbnb: My spare room got my house burned down by a lunatic, and funded my Master's Degree which never got me a job anyway. • Stay in school as long as you can, kids, because there's no jobs when you get out, and eventually you hit the sidewalk. If you are in school long enough, you can collect Social Security, and use your doctorate degrees for a pillow. • Here is a San Diego Homeless News masthead, submitted by Vince Meehan, Professional Graphic Artist.



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Being homeless on the sidewalk is a lot like being at the zoo, except you're the exhibit.

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This is Little Myra, one of the children at my mission in Tijuana.

