





Christopher “Chris” Ward is the current Councilmember representing San Diego’s District 3. Elected in 2016 to replace the termed-out Todd Gloria, he currently lives in University Heights with his partner and daughter. He is a registered Democrat, although by law, city government officials are technically nonpartisan.

Ward earned his BA at Johns Hopkins and his Master’s in Public Policy and Urban Planning at Harvard’s John F. Kennedy School of Government. He went on to work as a cancer researcher at UCSD and then an environmental planner for the firm EDAA, which worked with local government to “develop land use plans and conduct environmental review.”

Ward began his career of public service as Chief of Staff to State Senator Marty Block, who also represented District 3 and much of the City of San Diego. He had also been involved in community volunteer work for many years prior, serving on his community planning group, as a member of the San Diego Human Dignity Foundation’s board of directors (which provided philanthropy for LGBT youth, HIV/AIDS, and senior nonprofit groups), and as a member of the San Diego GLBT Historic Task Force.

Ward is the Chair of the Select Council Committee on Homelessness, Vice Chair of the Infrastructure Committee, Vice Chair of the San Diego Regional Task Force on Homelessness, and a member of the Environment, Rules, and Public Safety & Livable Neighborhoods Committees.

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- Top Issues**
(based on support history)
1. Environmental Policy
 2. Social Issues
 3. Public Safety
 4. Government Policy
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- San Diego City Council:**
- Pass ordinances and resolutions to form the city’s ruling documents
 - Members come from 9 single-member districts
 - Members have a two-term limit
 - Mayor is elected separately
- Other City Officials:**
- Office of the City Mayor
 - City Attorney
 - Office of the City Auditor
 - Office of the City Clerk
 - Office of the City Treasurer
 - Independent Budget Analyst

1st term • Reelection: 2020

Ideology: Liberal

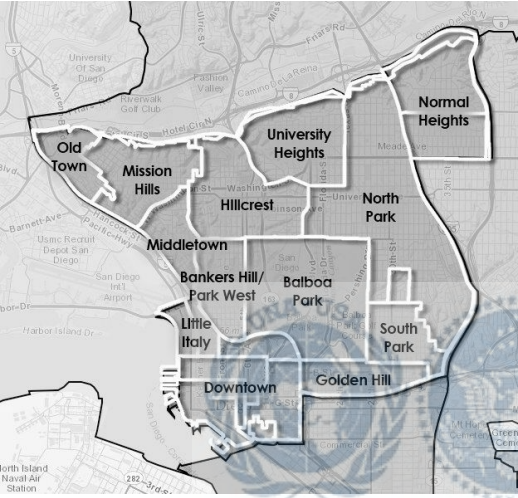
Last Elected: **59.23%** in 2016 vs Anthony Bernal

Religion:

Important Current Legislation: Equal Pay Ordinance, Proposition H/Charter Section 77.1 (restore public safety and neighborhood services), proposal to increase transit occupancy tax (reduce homelessness, make road repairs)



Chris Ward District 3



County Population:

**1.4
million**

Median Household Income:

\$67,871

Age:

65+: 11.8%
45-64: 23.5%
35-44: 13.6%
18-34: 27.1%
0-17: 24.0%

County Ethnicity:

Non-Hispanic White: 45.1% (USA: 63.3%)
Hispanic (any race): 28.8%
Asian: 15.9%
African-American: 6.7%

Most Education Achieved:

Less than High School: 10.7%
High School: 16.2%
Some College/AA: 28.1%
BA or higher: 43.0%

Congressional Districts:

CA-52

Misc:

third-largest homeless population in US

Communities: Balboa Park, Downtown, Golden Hill, Hillcrest, Little Italy, Mission Hills, Normal Heights, North Park, Old Town, University Heights

State Senate Districts: CA-39

State Assembly Districts: CA-78

Recent Press Releases:

- **November 14, 2017, sandiego.gov:** "Councilmember Ward Statement on Approval of Bridge Homeless Shelter Funding"
- **October 10, 2017, sandiego.gov:** "Councilmember Ward Digusted by Potential Deportation of Silvia Ocampo"

Recent Statements:

- **November 14, 2017, on Homelessness in San Diego** "The Hepatitis A outbreak is an emergency that demands quick action, and with lives on the line it is crucial to provide safe, sanitary facilities for homeless individuals that connects them to our coordinated entry system"
- **October 2, 2017 on Affordable Housing Measures for San Diego's Homeless Population:** "I have spent most of this year calling for urgent action to provide sufficient shelter and services for the growing number of homeless people in San Diego, and today's declaration of a Shelter Crisis and Public Health Emergency will speed up the process for implementing a sufficient response"

Recent Tweets:

- **November 15, 2017:** "County data this week shows 2 new HepA cases, sustained down trend. Height in summer was approx 20 per week. Staying the course on our emergency measures, let's end this outbreak."
- **November 3, 2017:** "Joined by @drarambula31, @lorenaad80, and @housing_4_all to visit campsite in Golden Hill & discuss stronger homelessness collab w state"
- **October 3, 2017 :** "Toured #tinyhome demo to learn more abt how they can help w/affordable housing & homelessness in #sandiego, offering a low cost + scalability"



Affordable Housing

Statements

October 2, 2017, Press Release via sandiego.gov - *"I have spent most of this year calling for urgent action to provide sufficient shelter and services for the growing number of homeless people in San Diego"*

Oct 25, 2017, San Diego Tribune - *"If implemented properly, updated inclusionary policies can help address the shortage of affordable housing with the potential for creating socially and economically integrated communities"*

Legislation

October 23, 2017, via Memorandum from Chris Ward's Office - *"Assembly Bill 1505, signed into law on September 29, 2017 and effective January 1, 2018, provides another option to combat San Diego's housing affordability crisis. AB 1505 authorizes the legislative body of a city or county to establish inclusionary housing requirements as a condition of the development."*

Climate Action

Statements

November 20, 2017, Twitter - *"Community Choice Energy will provide San Diego with local control and increased renewable power."*

January 20, 2017, via Environmental Committee Press Release - *"Climate Action Plan Implementation: Continue to aggressively pursue policies that move the city towards full compliance with the Climate Action Plan, including providing up-front fair-share analyses as more San Diegans go through the process of Community Plan Updates."*

Legislation

January 20, 2017, via Environmental Committee Priorities - Climate Action Plan Implementation: Continue to aggressively pursue policies that move the city towards full compliance with the Climate Action Plan, including providing up-front fair-share analyses as more San Diegans go through the process of Community Plan Updates.
Climate Resiliency: As part of meeting goals of the Climate Action Plan and prepare our coastal areas for the increasing impacts of climate change, establish a comprehensive climate resiliency plan including mitigation for sea level rise.

Refugee Integration

Statements

N/A

Legislation

N/A