



Councilmember Myrtle Cole (San Diego: District 4)


Myrtle Cole is the current Councilmember representing San Diego's District 4, and as of 2017, the City Council President. First elected in 2013 in a special election to fill the seat vacated by Tony Young, she was then reelected in 2014, and is the first African-American woman to serve on the City Council. She is a registered Democrat, although by law, city government officials are technically nonpartisan.

Cole attended the University of Arizona and went on to join the Tucson Police Department. She moved to San Diego to continue her career in the police force, rising to the rank of lieutenant. She then obtained her MBA from National University and accepted a position with the City Council to implement community-oriented policing. Cole has worked in the 4th District since 1977 and lived in the Rolando Park neighborhood for over 20 years.

Over the course of her career, Cole has been honored with a number of awards and recognitions for her service. In 2009, she received the National Council of Negro Women Award for her community service. In 2010, she was honored by the NAACP with the A. Phillip Randolph Award for educational leadership in the African-American community. In 2014, she was named both Public Official of the Year by the Neighborhood Market Association and the Women's Community Leader by the St. Stephen's Cathedral Church of God and Christ.

After her election to City Council, Cole has focused on neighborhood redevelopment, increased retail, affordable housing, public works, and helping low-income families.

In addition to Council President, Cole serves as Chair of the Rules Committee, representative to the SANDAG Board of Directors, and representative to San Diego MTS.

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- ### Top Issues (based on support history)
1. Homeless Crisis
 2. Affordable Housing
 3. Economics & Business
 4. Government Policy
 5. Social Issues

- ### 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

2nd term • Reelection: N/A

Ideology: Liberal

Last Elected: **57.0%** in 2014 vs Bruce Williams

Religion:

Important Current Legislation: Chair of the Rules Committee which creates rules and regulations of which all other committees follow



Myrtle Cole District 4



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%

Communities: Alta Vista, Emerald Hills, Broadway Heights, Chollas View, Lomita Village, Encanto, Jamacha, Oak Park, Redwood Village, Rolando Park, Valencia Park, Lincoln Park, Webster

State Senate Districts: CA-39

State Assembly Districts: CA-78

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

Recent Press Releases:

- **October 4, 2017, sandiego.gov:** “I unanimously declared a homeless shelter crisis related to the Hepatitis A outbreak”
- **November 15, 2017, sandiego.gov:** “City Council Approves \$6.5 M Agreement for Operation and Services at 3 City of San Diego Temporary Bridge Shelter Programs ”

Recent Statements:

- **October 4, 2017 via Facebook** “On October 2nd, my Council colleagues and I unanimously declared a homeless shelter crisis related to the Hepatitis A outbreak in the city of San Diego”
- **November 15, 2017 on Facebook:** “a priority of mine to provide and build more affordable and permanent supportive housing opportunities to address the homeless crisis we are facing as a city”

Recent Tweets:

- **September 18, 2017:** “Final day with @SDChamber SD delegation in DC. Our priorities included Hep A outbreak, transp., infrastructure, & health care. #SDinDC”
- **November 15, 2017:** “On Tuesday, the City Council voted 8-1 to approve agreements to execute the operation and services at 3 SD Temporary Bridge Shelter Programs. These will provide the urgent short-term support needed. ”



Affordable Housing

Statements

November 16,, 2017 via sandiego.gov -*"As Council President it has been a priority of mine to provide and build more affordable and permanent supportive housing opportunities*

Oct 05, 2017, via sandiego.gov - *"We must begin to focus on shelter and housing opportunities designed toward helping homeless living on our streets, parks, and canyons to live in suitable environments free of disease and despair"*

Legislation

November 14, 2017 - *\$6.5 Million to fund the Temporary Bridge Shelter Program that creates three temporary housing accommodations for approximately 700 people in three points around San Diego. This will allow the homeless population to have access to meals, a bed, and various other services necessary to survive.*

Climate Action

Statements

December 06, 2016, San Diego Tribune - *" The important thing now is to make sure that we are improving infrastructure and transit in ways that support our Climate Action Plan in order to improve the quality of our air and water, and reduce our dependence on personal vehicles.*

Legislation

While Cole has not passed any direct legislation regarding climate change, she supports the Climate Action Plan that is currently in place for San Diego and taken action to support the goals within her housing legislation.

Refugee Integration

Statements

N/A

Legislation

N/A