

SAN CLEMENTE

WEEKLY

Update

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

On Monday morning, some of our residents work up to the slope under their homes failing. It is hard to imagine the emotions they must have felt as they were being evacuated by law enforcement. I am happy to report that everyone is safe, but their lives have been seriously disrupted and it looks like this situation may continue for an extended period of time. I want to thank our OCSD deputy sheriffs, OCFA firefighters, and San Clemente city staff for their immediate and professional actions to protect our neighbors. The City will continue to work with our federal, state and county partners to do everything possible to assist the residents with their needs.

There is more rain on the way. If you live in an area that is susceptible to flooding, land slide, or other hazards, please be observant and report anything that you feel needs to be inspected. We can have our staff examine the situation and let you know if further study or action is needed.

Finally, it is so impressive how many of our residents have contacted me to ask how they can help. The spirit of our community is pretty special and if you would like to provide assistance, please feel free to contact our City Manager at Halla@san-clemente.org.

CITY MANAGER'S MINUTE

Thank you for the warm welcome to the community! It is hard to believe it has already been three weeks. I have had the chance to meet and work with so many great people and it is great getting to know the City and all that San Clemente has to offer.

The City Council has asked our team to make addressing the impacts of homelessness our top priority. The first action item will be to better enforce the existing laws and ordinances of the City. We can no longer accept or ignore littering, smoking, drinking, or drug use by any person visiting our beach or other public spaces. It is not legal for our residents to do these things, and it isn't legal for unsheltered persons to engage in these activities. Many residents have been diligent in providing information to staff about violations of these rules when they see them. The assistance is very appreciated and I hope you will continue to help us keep our community safe and clean.

At the same time, staff actively seeks to help the unsheltered find housing and services. Far too often, the homeless choose to not accept assistance. However, there have been success stories and we will continue to attain our goal of completely ending homelessness in San Clemente.