

HILLCREST

BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

July 11, 2023

Mayor Todd Gloria
City of San Diego
202 C Street, 12th Floor
San Diego, CA 92103

Regarding: Prominent broken curb in Hillcrest

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I write on behalf of the neighborhood of Hillcrest and our 1300 small business members concerning persistent broken infrastructure at a key intersection of Hillcrest. For over a year, the Hillcrest Business Association has observed and reported a significant broken curb at the NE corner of University Ave. and Sixth Ave in Hillcrest. This curb features broken concrete, a damaged storm drain, and toppled bollards (please see images below).





I would like to request that you raise the priority of repair for this broken curb. The curb has been barricaded by the City, is dangerous and unsightly, and it is time to repair it. This intersection is the busiest in the neighborhood as it is the main connection to SR163 and I8. It is also a busy pedestrian crossing as it is one of only two pedestrian routes between east and west Hillcrest.

We appreciate that the City's deferred maintenance backlog is long, however, we would like to propose that if traditional funding for this type of repair cannot be found, perhaps the City could allocate funds from its portion of the parking meter revenue to expedite this repair. I am sure you will recall that these kinds of curb repairs, funded in this way, have occurred in the neighborhood before. Also, as this issue relates to one of the few storm drains in the neighborhood, perhaps funds for stormwater management could be allocated to this project. If city labor crews are not available, perhaps the Uptown Community Parking District could be authorized to undertake this repair privately.

Please let us know the timeline for repair, who is a good point person responsible for this repair, if anything can be done to expedite this repair, and what we (or the Uptown Community Parking District) could do to assist.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Nicholls".

Benjamin Nicholls, Executive Director
Hillcrest Business Association

Copy: Councilmember Stephen Whitburn, Mobility Department Director Alyssa Muto, Transportation Director Jorge Riveros, Uptown Community Parking District Executive Director Gerrie Trussell, & Hillcrest Town Council Chair Jason Frye.