

**C-3 and Voice of San Diego Partner for Special Quarterly Breakfast Dialogue Series**  
***March 24 Event to Cover Connections Between Neighborhood Schools and their Communities***

(SAN DIEGO) March 14, 2016 – Citizens Coordinate for Century 3’s (C-3) and Voice of San Diego (VOSD) have partnered for special quarterly Breakfast Dialogue series titled “Voices of San Diego: Our Most Challenging Issues.” The series, part of C-3’s regular monthly Breakfast Dialogues, will focus on narratives such as school quality, growth and housing, water, transit and nonprofits.

Voice of San Diego’s reporters, who investigate government, housing, education and nonprofit issues, will help to identify key issues and questions that have emerged from their research and reporting and the two groups will collaborate on a curated list of expert speakers for each.

“VOSD will bring a new audience and expanded breadth of knowledge to our regular monthly Breakfast Dialogues,” said Roger Lewis, C-3’s board president.

The first event, March 24, 2016, 7:30–9 a.m., titled, “The Neighborhood School Dilemma: Should I Stay or Go?”, will question the benefit of community schools in San Diego. While local schools were once considered fundamental to their neighborhoods, now, magnet schools, charter schools, zone transfers and campus security issues have severed strong community ties. Parents are torn: Do they give their kids access to the best possible education or force them to stay in an under-performing school in hopes of making it better?

Scott Lewis, CEO and editor-in-chief of VOSD, says, “Some neighborhood schools have spiraled downward in performance and reputation, and parents are avoiding them. Others are rising to the challenge and rebuilding a sense of community for their children. We’ll cover, among other things, if keeping students in neighborhood schools should be a top priority.”

Moderated by Lewis, panel participants include:

- **Hon. David Alvarez:** Councilmember, San Diego Council District 8
- **Dr. Joseph Johnson:** Executive Director, National Center for Urban School Transformation; QUALCOMM Professor of Urban Education, SDSU
- **John Lee Evans:** Board Member, San Diego Unified School District
- **Sandy Weiner:** Parent & Neighborhood School Advocate

C-3’s 2016 Breakfast Dialogues will fit under the theme “For the Public Good,” and are held the fourth Thursday morning of every month at The Prado, 1549 El Prado, San Diego, CA 92101. The remaining “Voices of San Diego” Breakfast Dialogues are on June 23, September 22 and December 1.

The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$30 for members, \$40 for nonmembers and \$25 for students. For reservations or more information, visit [www.c3sandiego.org](http://www.c3sandiego.org) or call 858-277-0900.

C-3’s Breakfast Dialogue Series is sponsored by sustaining partner SDG&E.

**About C-3:**

Founded in 1961, C-3’s mission is to advocate, educate and navigate solutions for maintaining

high standards of environmental quality, physical design, economic benefit and social progress. C-3 accomplishes this by being a conduit for information, a facilitator for civic dialogue and a source for reasoned opinions.

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