

CITY OF EL CAJON

The City of El Cajon is located in eastern San Diego County and is bordered by the City of Santee to the north; the unincorporated communities of Lakeside, Crest-DeHesa, and Valle De Oro to the east and south; and the Cities of La Mesa and San Diego to the west. As of 2014, the City of El Cajon has an estimated population of 101,256, which is projected to increase to 144,515 in 2050 (SANDAG Regional Growth Forecast, 2010).

El Cajon is governed by a five-member city council, consisting of an elected Mayor and four elected council members.

The City of El Cajon's adopted Sphere of Influence is larger than the City's boundary. Unincorporated territory within the El Cajon sphere is designated as a Special Study Area to identify and help resolve service provision and jurisdictional issues.

The City of El Cajon provides fire protection, police, and wastewater services city-wide. Water service is provided by the Helix Water District. The Padre Dam Municipal Water District also provides water and wastewater services to portions of the City. Trash hauling and disposal service is provided by contract with Waste Management, Inc.

Note that on January 1, 2010, the Cities of El Cajon, La Mesa, and Lemon Grove entered into a joint exercise of powers agreement for management and delivery of fire protection and emergency medical services (Heartland Fire & Rescue).

CITY CHARACTERISTICS

Incorporation Date: November 12, 1912

Population: 101,256 (SANDAG, 2014)

Land Area: 14.4 sq. miles

Governance: General Law City, elected at large

City Council Meetings: 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. (General Discussion Items) and 7:00 p.m. (Public Hearing Items)

Planning Commission: 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Sphere of Influence: Larger than City

Sphere Adopted: August 5, 1985

Sphere Reaffirmed: March 3, 2008

General Plan Adoption Date: 1998

Primary Service Providers: City of El Cajon (Fire Protection, Police, Wastewater Services); Helix Water District (Water Service); Padre Dam Municipal Water District (Water & Wastewater Service); and Waste Management, Inc. (Trash Hauling & Disposal Service). *Note that on January 1, 2010, the Cities of El Cajon, La Mesa, and Lemon Grove entered into a joint exercise of powers agreement for management and delivery of fire protection and emergency medical services. This management team is known as Heartland Fire & Rescue.*

Contact Information

Address: 200 Civic Center Way
El Cajon, CA 92020

City Hall Phone: 619/441-1763

Police Department (Non Emergencies): 619/579-3311

Fire Department (Non Emergencies): 619/ 441-1601

Planning Department: 619/ 441-1742

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