



# Appreciating SAN DIEGO

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*Land, and the policies that govern it, hold an incredible and largely forgotten power over our lives.*  
Lars Doucet (*Land Is a Big Deal*, 2022)



*Pacific Beach, 1945 - Image Courtesy San Diego History Center*

## Mesa History

By: Ryan Curtice

Mesa College was founded in 1964 to meet the growing demand for post-secondary education in the rapidly expanding San Diego metropolitan area. Prior to this, the land was largely undeveloped, aside from its use as a training site for the Army at nearby Camp Kearny. Like much of Southern California, the area's original inhabitants were the Kumeyaay, who lived on and stewarded this land for thousands of years until their displacement during Spanish colonization. In 1848, California became part of the United States, ushering in an era of rapid development. This growth spurred the need for increased public services, including education, to serve the expanding population throughout the county.

## Save Money! Save Gas!

By: Alan Ridley

**We can all save money, gas, and lives by simply driving slower.** By driving 55mph instead of 75mph we can already save up to 20% of our fuel and money! If we all did this, the demand for gas would decline, and with it, the cost. We can save even more by driving *intelligently*.

### Here's how:

- Reduce car trips: walk, ride a bike, use public transit, share rides, and take the train.
- Slow down. Every mph over 55 mph loses 1% mileage.

**If we ALL use less gas, prices WILL come down!** The time, energy, money, & life you save may be your own!

**SB 961: The "Vehicles: safety equipment law"** requires passive intelligent speed assistance technology, starting in 2030. It was passed by the CA State Legislature this Fall, 2024. However it was vetoed by the Governor on Sept. 28, 2024. We do not know why..

## The U.S. Tax System Needs Simplification

By: Fred Foldvary\*

The U.S. tax system is too complex, too intrusive, and too demanding of workers' paychecks. The problem is not just the excessive amount of taxation, but what is being taxed: labor, enterprise, and goods. The best tax policy would not stifle enterprise, reduce work effort, shrink savings and investing, nor invade privacy. Taxes on wages, business profits, sales, value-added, capital gains, and buildings all fail these criteria. The U.S. income tax wastes 6 billion hours each year, the equivalent of two million people working full time. Sales and income taxes require the government to invade the privacy of households and businesses. If the goal is to minimize the damage done by the tax system, there is one tax that does the job: public revenue from land values.

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## Upcoming Events:

### Ensendio Friday Night Peace Venue

Community building, and permaculture practice can reduce the obstacles that vulnerable people are facing at the USA-Mexico border. Join us for free refreshments, and to discuss Ensendio's mission to create "a climate resilient eco-community" in Ensenada, Mexico, only three hours south of San Diego.

- Date: Friday October 18th
- 7-9pm
- Location: 3850 Gateway Place  
San Diego, CA 92105

### Foundation for Economic Justice Dinner & Lecture

Join us for our upcoming annual Foundation for Economic Justice Dinner and Lecture at the Gathering Place (Church of the Brethren Sanctuary).

- Date: Sat., November 16, 2024
- Time: 5-7 pm
- Location: 3850 Gateway Place,  
San Diego, CA 92105
- The Topics include Sustainable Eco Housing and Affordable Electricity & Related Issues
- Free dinner, donations accepted.

*Prosper: It's better to be rich and healthy than poor and sick. ~ Swiss Proverb*

## Foundation for Economic Justice Offers Paid Internships for Motivated Students

1. Create a fundraising program with a strategy, and list of potential donors and explore and experiment with various approaches and efforts. Contact about 100 potential donors. Leverage annual dinner and lecture to receive donations, **November 16, 2024, 5-7 pm**
2. Start and continue a discussion group to meet at the Peace Resource Center or a similarly friendly easy-to-park location. (Could be at SDSU or UCSD or USD). Establish a reliable and comfortable discussion group forum to discuss topics of the day and solve problems. Could be a Sunday or Wednesday Potluck at the Church of the Brethren or a similar location. Invite people to discuss common interests, basic economics, community support, housing solutions, how to increase our quality of life, etc. Target ten meetings with at least 5-10 people each.

**Pay:** \$500 for each project. The internship lasts the duration of the project, and the time frame is to be agreed upon by both parties.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Intern trainee, part-time, executive director of FEJ.

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