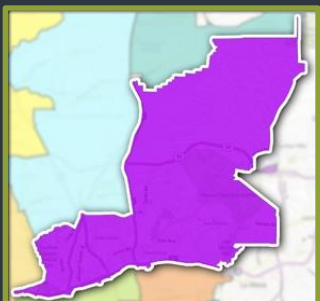


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Sherman Votes Against Raising Water Rates

On November 21, the City Council voted 8-1 to dramatically increase water rates in the City of San Diego despite angry public comments by dozens of ratepayers and thousands of signed protest forms. I cast the lone dissenting vote against this rate hike.

The action taken by the City Council will increase rates by 14.75 percent over two years - a 7.25 percent increase in calendar year 2014 and a 7.5 percent increase in 2015.

One of the biggest concerns I have is regarding how the rate increases were structured. The top tier of the rate structure is particularly high and will result in a dramatic increase for water purchased in that tier. The four tier rate structure may cause an unforeseen financial burden on families with several children who have difficulty conserving water. This water rate increase will hurt middle class families and is absolutely unnecessary.

In the previous two years, the City absorbed pass-through rates instead of passing them on to the consumers. However, now they are currently trying to retroactively recover these rates. The current proposal recommends that 5 percent of the increase for 2014 and 4.75 percent of the increase for 2015 be used in order to recover prior year County Water Authority pass-through rates. In this case, I do not think that the City should be able to decide after a fee has been set and costs deliberately absorbed, that the taxpayers should be on the hook to recover those costs.

Another flaw in the methodology for this increase is that the Cost of Service Study uses "recent historical trends" to forecast zero new water connections in the City for both 2014 and 2015. This is not a realistic assumption considering that in Mission Valley alone 3,000 new units are being constructed which would translate to an addition of 3,000 new rates payers. Not including future development reduces forecasted revenues and contributes to the creation of an artificial need for a rate increase.

I am supportive of investing in our water infrastructure when necessary, but for the reasons I have stated here, I am opposed to this rate increase.

It is my job to serve as your voice at City Hall. Please feel free to contact me directly at 619-236-6677 or via email at ScottSherman@sandiego.gov if my office can be of service to you.

Sincerely,

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2nd Annual San Carlos Garden "Pumpkin Smash"

On November 2nd, Councilmember Sherman joined members of the San Carlos community for the 2nd Annual San Carlos Community Garden Pumpkin Smash. This event is a fundraiser for the community garden, last year's event helped fund the new outside amphitheater.



Water Wise Workshop

Please join Councilman Scott Sherman for a FREE "Water Wise Workshop" on Wednesday, December 18th at 6:00 p.m. at the Serra Mesa/Kearny Mesa library located at 9005 Aero Drive, San Diego, CA 92123. The free event includes conservation tips and instructions on how to set up your water account and pay your bill online.

Events Attended by Councilman Sherman

11/2 San Carlos Community Garden "Pumpkin Smash"

11/5 8th Project Homeless Connect--Downtown San Diego Kickoff

11/6 San Carlos Community Council Meeting

11/7 San Diego Association of General Contractors 2013 Build San Diego Awards

11/8 San Diego YMCA Armed Services Tour

11/11 2013 Veterans Day Parade presented by the U.S. Midway Museum

11/12 Civic San Diego 2013 Lamplighter Awards

11/13 KPBS Local Heroes Awards

11/13 Thomas Jefferson School of Law Mixer

11/21 Dedication of the Edward Tyler Cramer Park in Linda Vista

11/22 San Carlos Library Fundraising Meeting

Upcoming District 7 Events

Concerts in the Park – December 15

The Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation is hosting a free concert for the public featuring the Many Strings Duet with Chris and Jaime Burns on December 15 at 3:00 p.m. in the Visitors Center with a reception immediately following.

Children's Art Classes at Mission Trails Regional Park

Nora's Children's Art classes continue on December 14, 21, 28 from 10-11:00 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m., each class is 90 minutes and each week is a different topic. For more information and for registration forms, go to www.mtrp.org.

Qualcomm Swap Meet – Every Wednesday Night from 2-10 p.m.

The Wednesday Night swap meet is BACK at Qualcomm Stadium. Doors open at 11:30 p.m. for sellers and 2pm for shoppers. Enjoy 8 hours of bargain shopping, great live music and entertainment, Magicians, Kids Rides, and lots of Family Fun.

Open EVERY Wednesday night. For more information visit <http://www.qualcommstadiumswapmeet.com/>.

San Carlos Library 40th Anniversary Event – January 9

On January 9, 2014, the San Carlos Branch Library will be celebrating their 40th Anniversary. The library is planning a year-long celebration with many activities and they are hoping to engage the Navajo Community in joining them in these events. The library is actively seeking those who were living in the area when the library was being built to share stories with them about the history of the library. Please send your stories to Historian@sancarlosfriendsofthelibrary.org or drop them off at the library for Managing Librarian, Rita Glick or SCFOL Historian, Joan Hayes.

Serra Mesa Holiday Decorating Contest - December 21

Please join the Serra Mesa Community Council, FireRock Real Estate and Investments, Rawknykz Barbershop, and Gethsemane Lutheran Church for a Serra Mesa Holiday Decorating Contest. Three Polling Places open December 21, 10am-5pm: Serra Mesa Food Pantry (2650 Melbourne Drive, at Mission Village Christian Fellowship, across from Juarez Elementary), Bear Buns Bakery (3251 Greyling, next to Post Office), Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library (9005 Aero Drive). There will be four categories to vote on (Homes, Condos/Apartments, Blocks/Streets, and Businesses)f. One vote per can or box of food or per \$1 donated to the Serra Mesa Food Pantry at one of the polling places on 12/21/13. "Vote early, vote often"...the Food Pantry wins the more you vote! Votes will be counted and posted beginning at noon at Gethsemane's Garden Room, 2696 Melbourne Drive. A Winter Solstice Soup Supper with hot cider and chocolate will be available for \$5 from 4-6pm. Winners announced by 6 PM. For more information: 858-277-6572 or church@gethsemanesd.org

Linda Vista Multi-Cultural Fair – April 26

The 29th Annual Linda Vista Multi Cultural Fair, held on the 6900 block of Linda Vista Road, will be taking place on Saturday, April 26th from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. The fair is intended to promote cultural awareness and understanding in San Diego. Its numerous cultural exhibits, varied ethnic food offerings and delightful artistic performances are coming soon. All interested vendors, performers, volunteers, and sponsors should visit www.lindavistafair.org for applications and more information.

DISTRICT 7 LIBRARY EVENTS

Our District 7 libraries host many events that are great for the whole community.

Allied Gardens / Benjamin Branch – On December 20 at 3:00 p.m. the library will be holding a Gingerbread House Workshop, to sign up please call the front desk at (619)533-3970 to reserve a spot.

Linda Vista Branch – The Linda Vista library will be hosting "Hopscotch Tiny Tots Story time" on December 10 from 5:30-6:30 p.m., join Miss Kim for a great time with music, stories and crafts for babies and toddlers. Morning Story time with Melissa will be held on December 12 from 10-11 a.m., children and families are invited to join Melissa for stories, rhymes and songs.

Mission Valley Branch – Every Tuesday, from 6-7 p.m. the library will be hosting Yoga for Adults and Teens.

San Carlos Branch – GET FIT @ YOUR LIBRARY runs through November. For adults and kids they are hosting weekly yoga. Please check their [calendar](#) for more details.

Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch – Weekly events at the library also include Zumba Dance Fitness on Mondays and Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. and Free K-12 tutoring on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Tierrasanta Branch – The library will be hosting Marshmallow Snowman Building for children and teens between the ages of 4-16 on December 17 at 4:00 p.m., for more information please call the library at (858) 573-1384.

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Appointments to Boards and Commissions

The City of San Diego has a variety of boards and commissions offering an excellent opportunity for individuals to volunteer their services on significant matters. Boards and commissions may be fiduciary, regulatory, policy-setting and/or advisory; and in all cases, members' contributions are invaluable to the Mayor, the City Council, and the City.

A list of current vacancies and an application form to be considered for an appointment can be found at <http://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/boards-commissions/>.

If you have any questions or would like to apply for an appointment please contact Barrett Tetlow at 619-236-6677 or btetlow@sandiego.gov.

Epilepsy Awareness Month

Councilman Scott Sherman proclaimed November "Epilepsy Awareness Month" in the City of San Diego on November 5, 2013. Epilepsy is a neurological disorder producing brief disturbances in the normal electrical functions of the brain that temporarily affects a person's consciousness, bodily movements and sensations, while creating long term effects on the lifestyle of individuals with epilepsy. 1 in 26 people will develop epilepsy and 1 in 10 people will have a seizure in their lifetime. Epilepsy can affect anyone no matter their gender, race, age, religion, educational background or socioeconomic status. Epilepsy affects more than 65 million people worldwide. While there is no cure for epilepsy, drug therapy, surgery and other non-pharmacological treatments exist allowing approximately 80% of individuals with epilepsy to lead a normal life with either no seizures or a significant reduction in seizures. The annual observance of Epilepsy Awareness Month advocates for the rights, humane treatment and appropriate education of all persons with epilepsy, while raising awareness with families, professionals, and the general public to better understand this lifelong disorder.



**Councilmember Sherman presenting the
Epilepsy Awareness Proclamation to Bill
Glassman**

Casework Corner

One of my top priorities is improving customer service at City Hall. I believe our government should be using these five simple words more:
"How may I help you?"

**Neighborhood Issues Successfully Resolved in
November:
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Sherman in the District



- CM Sherman at the Ed Cramer Park Dedication
- Giving a tour of City Hall to Eagle Scout Gregory Giller
- Speaking at the Homeless Connect Press Conference
- CM Sherman and iMayor Gloria honoring Officer Jim Tulumello of the Executive Protection Detail on his last at City Hall
- Speaking with Community members at the San Carlos Community Garden's Annual "Pumpkin Smash"
- Visiting families at the Armed Services YMCA
- Members of Team Sherman Volunteering at the Serra Mesa Food Pantry