District 7 Dispatch

Representing the Neighborhoods of

- San Carlos
- Del Cerro
- Allied Gardens
- Grantville
- Mission Valley
- Serra Mesa
- Linda Vista
- MCAS Miramar
- Tierrasanta





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District 7 Budget Priorities

It's that time of year again; the Mayor has released his budget proposal for Fiscal Year 14. As many of you might have seen, I sent a memo to the Independent Budget Analyst highlighting what I believe the essentials are to get our city back on track financially.

I believe that we must see voter-mandated managed competition move forward without further delay. In Mayor Filner's proposed budget, he is leaving out the implementation of several managed competitions and this is causing the city to miss out on millions of dollars that could be put towards libraries, parks and roads. Never before in our city's history has it been more important to find new ways to deliver neighborhood services faster, better, and more efficiently.

I have also recommended that the council support the Police Department's five year plan and restore police service levels. This would include adding 32 new budgeted positions for sworn police officers. Beyond this, I also believe that the city should invest in the outdoor facilities that we have within our city. Specifically, the campgrounds in Mission Trails Regional Park that, because of previous budget cuts, had to close its doors to overnight camping. I encourage the Parks and Recreation Department to consider innovative ways to re-open this campground.

- What are your thoughts on the budget process?
- What types of solutions would you offer to help balance the budget?
- What sorts of programs do you think are most important for the city to finance?

I also feel that as the Mayor and Council go in to deliberations on the budget, it is important to keep in mind that the city should rigorously adhere to not only provide "rainy day" protection but also to sustain the City's favorable credit rating.

Budgeting is a system used by many in both the public and private sectors in which every line item of the budget must be approved, rather than only changes. Through this system, the city could save millions and ensure that city services are receiving the proper funding.

Please feel free to call my office if you come up with any ideas or have any concerns about the current budget proposal and how we can get our city back on track. You can contact me at 619.236.6677 or via email <u>ScottSherman@sandiego.gov</u>

In Service,

Scott Sherman Councilmember- District 7

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MAY 7-9 HOMEOWNER EVENT TO HELP FAMILIES PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

As a lifelong resident of San Diego's 7th District, and now as the District's elected representative, I am always looking for ways to improve our residents' quality of life. Through my years as a San Diegan, I have strived to find different ways to connect with our community. I have found that community events are one of the key components to realizing the full economic and cultural potential of our region.

These events not only increase cohesion within our neighborhoods, but also can be regarded as educational opportunities for our working families. For this reason, I wanted to highlight a homeowner outreach event that will be hosted by Bank of America from May 7-9, 2013. If Bank of America services your mortgage, then this might be the perfect opportunity for you.

The event, which will be located at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Hotel Circle, will run from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily, and will provide information and assistance in areas such as loan modifications, housing alternatives with short sales or deeds-in-lieu, as well as helping to strategically plan for your future. As a participant, you will have the opportunity to meet one-onone with a specialist who can help to answer your questions and alleviate your housing concerns.

As the foreclosure rates in San Diego decrease to pre-recession levels and we see a reduction in mortgage defaults, it is imperative that our residents acquire the knowledge and advice to avoid any future pitfalls. We have seen the adverse effects of California's unpredictable housing market, and the families who serve as the backbone of our local economy cannot afford to be misinformed.

No one has been immune to this historic recession in California, and if the housing bubble has affected you, I urge you to take advantage of the personal and professional advice being offered by Bank of America and its partners. As our economy stabilizes, your ability to resolve your housing issues in the present will lead to a successful future for your family, our neighborhoods and the City of San Diego.

City Council Budget Hearings

From May 6-10, the City Council will be holding public budget hearings for each City Department. The final budget will be voted on in June.

I would like to encourage all of the residents in District 7 to come to the hearings and listen to or give feedback regarding what you think the city's budget priorities should be. You may also contact my office directly with your suggestions.

A complete schedule of upcoming hearings can be found online at:

http://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/councilcomm/fy14budget.pdf

The proposed budget is posted online at: www.sandiego.gov/fm/proposed/index.shtml.

Upcoming District 7 Events

EXPLORE MISSION TRAILS DAY

Join park staff and volunteers at the Mission Trails Visitor Center on 1 Father Junipero Serra Trail on Saturday, May 18th for an all day celebration highlighting everything Mission Trails has to offer. This popular event will feature free guided nature walks, talks and programs throughout the park, including live animals and special programs for children. The San Diego Natural History Museum is bringing Scholastic Publishing's Ms. Frizzle[™] and The Magic Schoolbus© as a program for children in the amphitheatre at the Visitor and Interpretive Center. There will also be free pony rides, a climbing wall, Discovery Stations with hands-on activities, face painting and children's crafts at the Equestrian Staging Area located at Mast Blvd. and SR 52.

ALLIED GARDENS SPRINGFEST

Bring the whole family to the 13th Allied Gardens SpringFest on May 17th & 18th! Kids of all ages will enjoy the carnival, pony rides, inflatable's, rock climbing wall and dunk tank. Booths featuring displays by local civic and commercial groups will offer diversions for all, mouthwatering food will be available and there will be local entertainment. On Saturday, enjoy the Allied Gardens Parade. A beer and wine garden will be open Friday and Saturday night from 5:00 PM - 11:00 PM. If you would like to be a sponsor or reserve a booth please email Sherry Kelly at <u>sprinefestine@gnail.cum</u>.

SAN CARLOS LIBRARY CRAFT SHOW

The first ever San Carlos craft show will be held at San Carlos Community Library on May 18th from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please join the 20+ local crafters who will be selling their treasures in the library's Community Room and Parking Lot. Please support this new venture which financially benefits the library and crafters.

GET FIT & YOUR LIBRARY

This special program for all ages will run from May 1st thru October 31st. Topics cover nutritionalmental-physical-financial health. May 22nd, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Michael Zeiger presents "*Retirement Wellness: what will you be doing on your first day of retirement and thereafter?*" May 24th, 12:30 pm to 2 pm, Charlotte Tenney presents "*Introduction to Healthier Living: Cutting edge technology for living your life in a way you know you should.*" Watch for new Stretch & Tone and Mat Yoga classes starting in May. These events will be held at San Carlos Community Library.

27th ANNUAL TIERRAFEST

The 27th Annual TierraFest is being held on May 18th. Events include the Patriots Day Parade, a Craft Fair, BBQ Dinner, live music, fireworks, Beer & Wine Garden and a game area for kids. It is a joint endeavor of the Kiwanis Club, Tierrasanta Junior Women's Club, Tierrasanta Recreation Council, Tierrasanta Community Council, and the San Diego Parks & Recreation Department.

SAN DIEGO MOBILE MEDICAL CLINIC

The Family Health Centers of San Diego provides the Mobile Medical clinic to cater to children who are sick, need immunizations, need physicals for school or sports and WIC. They are also available for adult sick visits and physicals, and women in need of a pregnancy test, family planning and gynecology. For an appointment call (619) 515-2312.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE ASSOCIATION

Free low cost child development now enrolling: Head Start/State Preschool families are eligible to receive free or low cost preschool: free dental care: employment assistance for parents: housing: counseling: nutrition referrals: for more information or to enroll call 1-888-873-5145 or visit www.neighborhoodhouse.org/head-start



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District 7 in Action: Allied Gardens Sink Hole

In April, our office was contacted about a sink hole on Princess View Drive and Fontaine in Allied Gardens. D7 staff worked with the City's Transportation and Stormwater Division to get the problem resolved. Below are the before and after photos.



Before



Citizen of the Month - Bob Mazeika

On April 10, 2013 Councilmember Sherman and his colleagues on the City Council declared the "Bob Mazeika Day" in San Diego.

Bob has volunteered over 12,000 hours of his time to ensuring the safety and security of San Diego citizens. As a vital member of the Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (R.S.V.P.) program, Bob has implemented several programs that have reduced residential burglaries and theft, helping recover more than 70 stolen cars. As a manager of the Eastern Division's RSVP program he has made it one of the most advanced and developed programs in the City of San Diego. His willingness to volunteer is admired and commended by the City of San Diego.



Sherman in the District



















- Council declares "Burrito Boyz Day"
- D7 volunteers with I Love a Clean San Diego
- Councilmembers Sherman & Gloria congratulate7 CW6 on their 60th Anniversary
- Councilmembers Sherman & Faulconer walk in Linda Vista Multi-Cultural Parade Tour of MCAS <u>M</u>iramar

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- CM Sherman meets with MCAS Miramar Commanding Officer Col. John P. Farnam
- Councilman
 Sherman takes a
 Tour of UCSD
 Medical Facilities
 - D7 staff participates in annual Linda Vista Multi-Cultural Parade