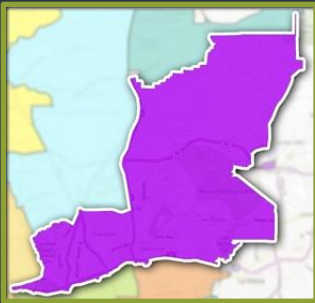


## Serving the Neighborhoods of the 7<sup>th</sup> District

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



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The financial outlook for Fiscal Year 2014 (FY14) is more encouraging than San Diegans have seen in years. Our region's slow economic recovery provides the welcome opportunity to restore core city services which have been cut over the last five years. However, while the Mayor's proposed budget has some positive aspects, the budget somehow adds millions of new dollars and dozens of new positions without increasing neighborhood library or rec center hours. I am encouraging my colleagues to focus primarily on *core* neighborhood services in this critical rebuilding year and have recommended that the following budget revisions be made in the FY 14 budget:

**Focus personnel additions on police, libraries, & park & rec:** The proposed budget includes dozens of new city employees in areas such as the new "Civic and Urban Initiatives" program, administrative analysts, aides, and support staff for City TV. While I understand that all of these additions may provide some value I reiterate my support for core neighborhood services. I recommend that the Council only increase positions in the Library, Park & Rec, Police, Lifeguard and other departments.

**Implement managed competition:** San Diego voters passed managed competition overwhelmingly in 2006 and after years of delays this cost-saving, common-sense program was beginning to get off the ground last year. Unfortunately, that progress has stalled and budgeted savings from managed competition may not be realized in this fiscal year. It is my top budget priority to see managed competition move forward without delay, specifically street sweeping, PUD customer support, street and sidewalk maintenance, landfill operations and fleet maintenance for savings of \$4.1 million.

**Increase funding for facility maintenance:** Infrastructure funding, coupled with restoration of core neighborhood services, should be the City's priority as we begin to emerge from our recent economic troubles. Because San Diego likely has over \$1 billion in deferred infrastructure maintenance I am glad to see a slight increase in infrastructure funding for slurry sealing and repair to concrete streets. However, I would like to see increased funding of \$600,000 for police facilities. I would also like to see \$200,000 in additional maintenance on cultural facilities. This increased funding could come from efficiencies within Public Works-General Services Administration and facility functions.

**Restore overnight camping at Kumeyaay Lake Campground:** The City of San Diego operated a campground in Mission Trails Regional Park until budget cuts closed the Kumeyaay Lake Campground to overnight camping in 2009. As the only public campground within the City, and because it is located close to our urban neighborhoods, Kumeyaay Lake provides a unique opportunity for San Diegans to camp overnight. Although the Mayor proposed a restoration of that campground in the FY13 Mid-Year Budget Monitoring Report, the funding was pulled from the campground. I strongly support funding to restore overnight camping and the related rehabilitation of the Mission Trails Visitors Center in the FY14 budget.

With our economy improving as it currently is, it is imperative that city leaders come together and put our neighborhoods first.

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## City Council Approves the San Diego River Park Master Plan

After almost 11 years, the San Diego City Council unanimously approved the San Diego River Park Master Plan on May 30, 2013.

The Master Plan, a policy document to guide future development along the 17.5 miles of the San Diego River, provides the vision and guidance to restore a relationship between the river and surrounding communities by creating a river-long park system. The vision for this park includes a contiguous river trail that stretches from Mission Trails Regional Park in the Navajo and Tierrasanta communities, to the Pacific Ocean at Ocean Beach. This trail will not only provide recreational opportunities for joggers and cyclists but will also provide educational and exploration opportunities for students and those who love the outdoors by incorporating interpretive signage and display boards with information about various parts of the river.

Upon passage of the plan, Scott thanked his colleagues for their support. "A park system along the San Diego River will increase recreation opportunities for our residents, preserve and enhance the river's natural resources, celebrate the river's rich cultural history, and will help to improve the quality of life in Mission Valley and other District 7 communities."

The Master Plan is the result of grassroots efforts begun by the San Diego River Park Alliance (2001) and the San Diego River Park Foundation working in partnership with the City of San Diego, community planning groups, business leaders, and advisory bodies. Their continued involvement will be important to its successful implementation.

## Del Cerro Community Coffee: How Can We Help You?

As your representative on the City Council, I believe that one of my greatest responsibilities is getting out into the community to hear from you directly. This is why I was excited to hold my first ever "Community Coffee" on May 28<sup>th</sup> in Del Cerro. This event, which is the first of many coffees to be held in District 7, was a chance for community members to speak to me personally about issues important to them. Over 40 people from the San Carlos, Allied Gardens, and Del Cerro areas came to this coffee, and voiced their opinions on a wide range of issues. For two hours we spoke extensively about lane channelization, the city budget, road repairs, open space issues, weed abatement, as well as a variety of other community topics. Being able to talk with individuals directly is important, and I have already begun working on issues raised during the coffee.

I hope to see all of you at future Community Coffees, and look forward to hearing about issues important to you, your family, and your community. The next coffee will be held in Tierrasanta on Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Upcoming District 7 Events

### SERRA MESA REC COUNCIL TO VOTE ON PARK DESIGN

The Serra Mesa Park & Recreation Council will be voting on a presentation from Civita's park architects regarding the components and design of their proposed Phyllis Place park. The meeting will be held on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Serra Mesa Recreation Center, 9020 Village Glen Drive. The vote will determine what types of uses will be incorporated into the small park that lines the south side of Phyllis Pl. and overlooks Mission Valley. Attendance of Serra Mesa residents is welcome and encouraged to help increase participation and feedback.

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### LINDA VISTA FARMER'S MARKET

The Linda Vista Farmer's Market is held every Thursday from 3-7 PM. It is located on Linda Vista Rd. between Comstock St. and Ulric St. Come and enjoy fresh produce from local farms and purchase some natural and delicious treats for you to use at home.

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### LOW COST CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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: 1-888-873-5145. [www.neighborhoodhouse.org/head-start](http://www.neighborhoodhouse.org/head-start)

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### VISTA GRANDE FAIR

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> for the Vista Grande Fair. There will be rides for kids of all ages including a rock wall, plus great food, a Talent Show, Silent Auction, Cake Walk and lots of carnival games and prizes. The Fair will be taking place at Vista Grande Elementary, located at 5606 Antigua Blvd from 11 am to 4 pm. Come enjoy this event that's sure to be fun for the whole family.

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### ASCENSION'S 32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNITY FIESTA

The unofficial kickoff to summer is June 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> at Ascension Catholic Church in Tierrasanta. Enjoy the great rock dance music of The Mighty Untouchables on Friday and the interactive family dance music of Rockola on Saturday. Sunday is Family Fun Day with old fashioned games for all ages. There will be plenty of great food featuring many different cuisines including Italian, Mexican, American, Filipino, Vietnamese, Hawaiian, and more. The Fiesta begins on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm and ends on Sunday at 4 pm with the raffle drawing. Tickets are now available and will be throughout the Fiesta. Ascension Parish is located at 11292 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

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### DISTRICT 7 LIBRARY EVENTS

This summer District 7 libraries are hosting events that are great for the whole community. There are numerous opportunities to get involved and meet community members.

*Mission Valley Branch* – The Mission Valley Library is hosting Yoga classes for teens and adults on Tuesdays throughout the month of June starting at 6 pm. This is a great chance to meet new people, try something new, and stay in shape for summer.

*Allied Gardens Branch* – This branch is hosting OASIS classes throughout the summer designed especially for senior community members. Topics include the history of Balboa Park, Avoiding Dangerous Money Mistakes, and Watercolor Painting.

*San Carlos Branch* – On June 18<sup>th</sup> the library is hosting a High School Movie and Pizza Night. Join your high school friends and make new ones, watch big screen movies, eat popcorn, play board games, and just hang out. Contact the library for more details.



## Sign up for the D7 e-newsletter



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## Mission Valley Street Resurfacing Kicks Into Gear

The City does most of its street resurfacing during the warmer months of the year and in Mission Valley that work has begun in earnest. If you have visited the Mission Valley Mall in the last few weeks you may have noticed some of this resurfacing work. Here is a list of some of the streets that were recently completed in Mission Valley:

*Camino De La Reina from Mission Center Rd. to Qualcomm Way*

*Rio San Diego from Gill Village Way to Qualcomm Way*

*Camino Del Este*

*Station Village Ln.*

*Gill Village Way*

*Northside Dr.*

*Old Quarry Rd.*

*Fenton Pkwy.*



## D7 Citizen of the Month - Dorothy Leonard

During the Explore Mission Trails Day in May, Councilmember Sherman proclaimed May 18, 2013 to be "Dorothy Leonard Day" in San Diego. Dorothy has worked tirelessly to ensure that Mission Trails Park is protected for the future and was instrumental in securing funding for the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor and Interpretive Center. She also served as a member of the City of San Diego Planning Commission for eight years, acting as vice chair for six and as chair for one. Dorothy has given back to her community through her work as Director for the March of Dimes San Diego chapter and was the first to implement its programs in San Diego and Imperial Counties. Dorothy has utilized her leadership and personal management skills to achieve goals that benefit all residents in District 7 and in the City of San Diego. In recognition of her outstanding and indispensable service to the community, Dorothy Leonard is the District 7 Citizen of the Month.



## District 7 Staff Changes

Over the past few weeks, there have been some important changes among our District 7 Staff. Jon Staab, who formerly represented the Navajo community, has left our office to continue to serve his country by applying for Special Forces training. To fill his position, Tommy Knepper, who formerly represented the Linda Vista community, has assumed the Navajo area and all issues dealing with the military. Lx Fangonilo, a former intern and recent graduate of San Diego State University, has filled the position to represent the Linda Vista Community.

This transition will in no way affect any constituent or current casework. However, if you have any questions or concerns regarding this staff transition, please feel free to contact me (619) 236-6677.



# Sherman in the District



- Councilman Sherman listens to a constituent at his Del Cerro Community Coffee
- Presenting a proclamation at the "Enough is Enough" Crime Stoppers Awards Luncheon
- Commending the Urban Corps workers at the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor's Center
- Attending the 113th Memorial Service and Day of Remembrance at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery
- Grand Marshal at the SpringFest Parade
- Linda Vista Capital Improvement Project
- Tierrasanta Kiwanis Club
- Del Cerro Community Coffee
- Business Leaders Roundtable