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# District 7 Dispatch

November 2013

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# "Jobs Killing Tax" Approved by Divided Council

On November 4, 2013, the City Council voted 5-4 to raise "linkage fees" in San Diego. I was strongly opposed to this proposal and voted against what I consider to be a "jobs killing tax" because it will put San Diego at a serious disadvantage, as we are the only city in the County that charges this fee.

In addition, this fee is a misguided policy that will cost San Diego thousands of jobs annually. Originally established in 1990, the linkage fee is a tax on new commercial development projects and is intended to subsidize affordable housing. The linkage fee has historically been an ineffective funding source for affordable housing, and the tax severely stifles economic growth.

According to a report by the city's Independent Budget Analyst, the Council's action will result in fee hikes anywhere from 377 percent on developers of industrial and manufacturing projects to 744 percent for those who want to build warehouse or storage facilities.

As a small business owner myself, I can relate to the dilemma we will be

creating for companies. As an employer, one of my top priorities is making sure that I provided for my employees. However, if I were forced to move the location of my business or lay off employees just so that I could afford to expand in San Diego, I would make the decision to move my business to a more business friendly city that's just a few miles away.

It is common sense that we should be doing everything we can as a City to keep jobs and businesses in San Diego, but instead we did the exact opposite. My fear now is that businesses who are looking to expand in San Diego will be inclined to move to a neighboring city that does not charge this tax.

In Service,

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# San Diego River Park Foundation's "Clean Sweep"

On October 26<sup>th</sup> Scott joined the San Diego River Park Foundation for a "Clean Sweep" of the Mission Valley Preserve. Over 200 volunteers removed over 10,000 pounds of trash from the Preserve. It was wonderful seeing so many volunteers engaged in working to preserve one of our region's most beautiful natural resources.



# **Mission Valley Post Office – Will Remain Open**

On November 1<sup>st</sup> San Diego Postmaster Ken Snavely informed residents that the post office located at the Westfield Mission Valley Mall will remain open indefinitely. A special thank you to Josh Weiselberg and the entire Mission Valley Planning group for fighting to keep this vital asset in the community.

# Linda Vista Picnic Shelter Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

On October 23<sup>rd</sup> Scott joined Interim Mayor Todd Gloria, Assemblymember Shirley Weber and Linda Vista Community Leaders at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Melinda Appling Memorial Pavilion. Melinda was a stalwart member of this community and I was honored to be included in this dedication. This picnic shelter is a wonderful addition to the Linda Vista Community and I look forward to working with the communities in my district to create more projects like this.



# **Upcoming District 7 Events**

#### **Concerts in the Park**

The Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation is hosting free concerts for the public. The concerts will be held on the third Sunday of the month in the Visitor Center Theater at 3:00 p.m. with a reception immediately following.

The schedule:

- November 17: Pomerado Brass Quintet
- December 15: Many Strings with Chris & Jaime Burns

#### FREE Community Clean-up and Recycling Events – November 16

The City's Environmental Services Department (ESD) will be conducting a community clean-up and recycling event on Saturday, November 16, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Qualcomm Stadium (Southeast parking lot) for City of San Diego residents to bring bulky items including junk furniture, mattresses, appliances, electronics, metals and yard waste. Fluorescent light bulbs and household batteries will also be accepted. NO tires, NO construction and demolition debris and NO hazardous waste will be accepted at this event. If you have any questions please call (858)694-7000.

#### San Carlos Library 40th Anniversary Event – January 9

*January 9, 2014,* will be the 40th Anniversary of the opening of the San Carlos Branch Library in San Diego, CA. 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 <u>Historian@sancarlosfriendsofthelibrary.org</u> or drop them off at the library for Managing Librarian, Rita Glick or SCFOL Historian, Joan Hayes.

#### **Jones Elementry Textile Collection – January 28**

Please help Jones Elementary PTA by dropping off trash bags of any unwanted textiles. They will be holding a drop off on Saturday, January 28, from 11am - 1 pm at Jones Elementary School located at 2751 Greyling Dr, San Diego, CA 92123. They will accept clean, stained, torn and unwanted textiles (clothing, shoes, pillows, stuffed animals, curtains, linens, etc.). By dropping off your unwanted items you will not only be helping Jones Elementary PTA, you will be recycling and doing your part to keep these items out of landfills.

#### 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 info.

#### **DISTRICT 7 LIBRARY EVENTS**

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

Allied Gardens / Benjamin Branch – Every Thursday from 3:30-4:15 p.m. the library will be hosting yoga for children.

*Mission Valley Branch* – Every Tuesday, from 6-7 p.m. the library will be hosting Yoga for Adults and Teens. On Saturday, November 17 the library will host "Shakespeare: The Ghost Who Haunts All" where award winning author Raymond E. Feist will discuss why Shakespeare is relevant to the modern writer.

San Carlos Branch – GET FIT @ YOUR LIBRARY runs through November. For adults and kids they are hosting weekly yoga. Please check their <u>calendar</u> 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.

## Events Attended by Councilman Sherman

#### **10/2** EvoNexus Tour

10/2 Tierrasanta Kiwanis Installation of Officers Ceremony

10/5 Second Chance 20th Anniversary Celebration

10/5 MTRP "Art in the Park" Fundraiser

10/11 Pre-opening tour of the Headquarters at Seaport District

10/12 Del Cerro Median Clean Up

10/12 Ribbon Cutting/ Grand Opening of DCS (Deaf Community Services) in Mission Valley

10/17 Fire Rescue Department's Annual Service Awards Ceremony

10/18 Guest Speaker at SDSU Journalism Class

10/19 Jacaranda Bowl Clean-Up in Allied Gardens

10/23 Linda Vista Picnic Shelter Grand Opening

10/23 Allied Gardens Benjamin Branch Library Celebration for National Friends of the Library Week

10/23 Leadership, Legacy, and Inspiration Awards Ceremony

10/26 San Diego River Park Foundation "Clean Sweep"

# Jacaranda Bowl Clean-Up

The Jacaranda Bowl located on the corner of Waring Road and Adobe Falls is classified as "open space" which is jointly maintained by community volunteers and city staff. Scott enjoyed working with members of the Grantville - Allied Gardens Kiwanis Club, Allied Gardens Community Council and Patrick Henry High School Key Club on October 19 to clean up this area.



# Water Wise Workshop

Please join Councilman Scott Sherman for a FREE "Water Wise Workshop" on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

For more information and to RSVP please contact our office at 619-236-6677 or <u>ScottSherman@sandiego.gov</u>.

# **Del Cerro Median Clean-Up**

On October 12<sup>th</sup> District 7 coordinated a clean-up of the Del Cerro Boulevard median. A special thank you to those that came out and volunteered. It is always great to see citizens working to make our community a better place. During the clean-up we were able to address the first section of the median by cutting back bushes and pulling weeds which lined the sides.



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# **Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

The City of San Diego has a variety of <u>boards and commissions</u> 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 <a href="http://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/boards-commissions/">http://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/boards-commissions/</a>.

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

# D7 Citizen of the Month - Serra Mesa Food Pantry

**On October 29, 2013 Councilman Scott** Sherman proclaimed it "Serra Mesa Food Pantry Day" in the City of San Diego. The Serra Mesa Food Pantry, a community ministry of Mission Village Christian Fellowship, was founded by Brenda Casey in May 2010 to serve those struggling to put food on the table in the Serra Mesa **Community.** Each month the pantry provides food to 300 -350 families with the help of volunteers who spend countless hours picking up food from the San Diego Food Bank and Feeding America San Diego. The volunteers of the Serra Mesa Food Pantry show compassion, kindness, and respect to the clients of the Serra Mesa Food Pantry and use their valuable time and even their own resources to make Serra Mesa a better community. In recognition to the outstanding service that this group has provided to the community, the volunteers of the Serra Mesa Food Pantry are the District 7 Citizens of the Month.



Councilman Sherman with Volunteers from the Serra Mesa Food Pantry

## **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?"

Casework Successfully Resolved in October: **55** 

# Sherman in the District

















- CM Sherman speaking at the Linda Vista Picnic Shelter Ribbon Cutting
- Cutting the ribbon at the Grand Opening of DCS (Deaf Community Services)
- Presenting a proclamation to Paul and Susan Rosenburg on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- CM Sherman putting the finishing touches on the newly repaired San Carlos Community Sign
- Greeting volunteers at the SDRPF's "Clean Sweep"
- Speaking to SDSU journalism students about the importance of media
- Attending a preopening tour at the Headquarters at Seaport District
- Speaking with volunteers from the Serra Mesa Food Pantry