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Building on Success From 2014 Looking Forward to 2015

Last year, in the aftermath of the Filner administration, Mayor Faulconer took the helm and brought much needed leadership and stability to our City government.

I am proud to have helped lead several successful measures in 2014 that moved our City forward.

First, I voted in favor of the 2014 budget that increased library hours an additional 203 hours per week citywide and included the City's first comprehensive afterschool program to provide one-on-one assistance to San Diego's youth.

These after-school programs can be found at the Linda Vista, San Carlos, and Serra Mesa libraries in District 7.

The new budget also increased funding for road and infrastructure repairs on our streets by hiring 16 additional full-time workers to focus on pothole repair. The new funding is expected to double the amount of repairs annually to the City.

The budget invested 50 percent of all new revenue back into our community streets, an overall addition of \$21 million.

In District 7, I was proud to announce the reopening of overnight camping at the Kumeyaay Campgrounds. My staff also worked with the City to find over \$3 million

in State grants to build a new skate park in Linda Vista.

In addition, my office funded \$50,000 in renovations to six parks in Navajo and worked to allocate \$1.7 million in upgrades to Cabrillo Heights Neighborhood Park in Serra Mesa.

As Chairman of the Audit Committee, we completed several important performance audits that will help improve neighborhood services in our Graffiti Control Program and improve San Diego's hiring practices within the Personnel Department.

Although 2014 was a great year, I am looking forward to making 2015 even better. My goals for the year include continuing to find cost-savings within City operations and reinvest much needed funds back into our streets, libraries, parks, and public safety.

I also want to hear from you. I receive my best ideas for government reforms and programs from the people I represent. What ideas do you have to improve our great city? Please send me your ideas to ScottSherman@SanDiego.Gov or call 619-236-6677.

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<http://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd7/faq/index.shtml>

Sherman Urges Linda Vista Residents Give Feedback on Transportation Issues in Community



Councilmember Sherman is urging residents to give feedback on transportation issues in Linda Vista.

The City of San Diego has begun a program called the Linda Vista Comprehensive Action Transportation Strategy (LVCATS) to improve walking and biking in Linda Vista by providing better connections between neighborhoods, schools, bus stops, and community destinations.

To create a better and more efficient transportation strategy for Linda Vista, Councilmember Sherman is urging all Linda Vista residents to take part in an online survey to give their feedback on what they feel should be the priority in their neighborhoods.

To share your input please visit: lvcats.metroquest.com to take the survey. For more information regarding project updates, please

visit the project website at sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/lindavista or contact Melissa Garcia at 619-236-6173 or MAGarcia@sandiego.gov

Water Maintenance Program Begins in San Carlos and Navajo Communities



Beginning this month, the City Water Department will begin a three-year, citywide valve maintenance program. This important program will help protect the longevity of the City water system and help save water in the event of a large water-main break.

As a part of the program, over 75,000 gate valves will be tested throughout the City. The San Carlos and Lake Murray communities will be the first areas tested. The maintenance

will be taking place Monday through Friday from 8 am to 3 pm and will not require shutting off water.

During the opening and closing of the valves, residents may experience discolored water and sediment or low water pressure for a short period of time. Although the water may be discolored, it poses **no health threat** to residents. Running the cold tap at full force should remove any discoloration from the water.

For more information about the program, please call the Public Utilities Department at 619-515-3500 or water@sandiego.gov.

Events Attended by Councilman Sherman

12/2: Attended Resident Leaders Academy and Step by Step Graduation Ceremony in Linda Vista

12/3: Balboa Park Cultural Partnership Meeting

12/5: Attended Balboa Park December Nights Reception and Official Tree Lighting Ceremony

12/6: Grantville-Allied Gardens Brick Victory Party

12/7: Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation and Staff Holiday Party

12/9: Attended the Premiere of Balboa Park Documentary: "The Jewell of San Diego"

12/10: 2015 City of San Diego Inauguration Ceremony

12/11: Allied Gardens Tree Lighting Ceremony

12/17: MTRP West Sycamore Staging Area Ribbon Cutting with Councilmember Kersey

12/19: Volunteered at Grantville-Allied Gardens Christmas Tree Lot.

12/23: Volunteered at Serra Mesa Food Pantry

Sherman Volunteers During the Holidays to Help the Less Fortunate in Allied Gardens and Serra Mesa



Councilmember Sherman and staff volunteering at the Grantville-Allied Gardens Kiwanis Christmas Tree Lot.



Volunteering at the Serra Mesa Food Pantry to ensure struggling families can enjoy their holidays.

Councilmember Sherman and his staff took time during the holidays to volunteer with two charitable organizations in District 7.

On December 19, he assisted the Grantville –Allied Gardens Kiwanis Club at their annual tree lot fundraiser. All proceeds from the sale will go directly back into the community.

On December 23, the Councilmember volunteered at the Serra Mesa Food Pantry and assisted with bagging and distributing holiday food and toys for struggling families in need.

The Serra Mesa Food Bank provides weekly groceries to residents in the 92123 zip code. For more information regarding the food pantry please visit: serramesafoodpantry.org. For more information regarding the Grantville-Allied Gardens Kiwanis please visit: alliedgardenskiwanis.org.

A special thank you to the Grantville-Allied Gardens Kiwanis Organization who donated a dozen Christmas trees to the Serra Mesa Food Pantry for families in need.

Audit Chairman's Report: A Look Back and Looking Ahead for Audit Committee

As we move ahead into 2015, the Audit Committee is focused on continuing its mission of improving City government. In 2014, the Audit Committee completed important audits that will improve neighborhood services in our Graffiti Control Program and improve San Diego's hiring practices through the Personnel Department.

As Chairman of the Audit Committee, Sherman will be reviewing several audits in the coming months that will look into the Neighborhood Code Compliance Department, Public Right of Way Maintenance, and Lifeguard Operations.

The Councilmember looks forward to working with the Audit Committee and the City Auditor in 2015 to continue the important work of improving San Diego.

Constituent Issues Resolved in District 7

My top priority at City Hall is to help improve the lives of those I represent and the communities they live in. Below are just a few of the issues that my staff helped resolve in the month of December:

- *Trees removed and sidewalk repaired along Qualcomm Way in Mission Valley*
- *Assisted in the replacement of a crumbled cement water meter cover for resident in San Carlos*
- *Assisted a disabled Military Veteran resident in Tierrasanta with getting his water turned back on*
- *Assisted in getting signal light sensitivity fixed at Fulton Rd. and Linda Vista Rd in Linda Vista*
- *Assisted in getting electronic traffic calming sign on Viacha Dr. in Tierrasanta*
- *Worked with City Staff to improve Traffic Signalization at Aero Dr. and Aero Ct. in Serra Mesa*

Do you have an issue or problem in your community? Please contact my office at 619-236-6677 or email at ScottSherman@SanDiego.Gov. We are here to help!

Councilmember Sherman Welcomes New Addition to Mission Trails Regional Park

Councilmember Sherman, Chairman of the Mission Trails Regional Park Taskforce (MTRP), joined Councilmember Mark Kersey and residents to officially open a new trail staging area to the MTRP.

The West Sycamore Staging Area will provide residents with access to the portion of the park located north MCAS Miramar and west of Goodan Ranch.

The dedicated land added more than 1,000 acres to the MTRP and gains access to seven miles of trails for hikers, bikers, and horseback riders.

“Since childhood I have been out hiking, camping, and fishing in this park and I am glad to see this regional gem expand for future generations to enjoy,” said Councilmember Sherman.

To learn more about the Mission Trails Regional Park and all it has to offer please visit:

www.mtrp.org/



Councilmembers Scott Sherman and Mark Kersey join residents and Park Ranger staff to officially open the West Sycamore Staging Area. **(Click on picture to watch video)**

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 December:

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Upcoming District 7 Events

State of the City Mayoral Address – January 14th – 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

San Diego residents are cordially invited to the Mayor's Annual State of the City Address. The event will be held at the Balboa Theater at 868 4th Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101. Please RSVP to the Mayor's office at the following website: www.sandiego.gov/mayor/sotc/index.html or call 619-236-6330

Linda Vista Skatepark Design Meeting – January 15th – Begins 6:00 pm

Members of the public are invited to participate in the discussion of the skate park. The public will have the opportunity to review and comment on site amenities and design layout. Schmidt Design Group, Site Design Group and the City of San Diego will introduce the project scope. City staff will discuss opportunities, needs, community goals, and request community input. The event will be held at the Linda Vista Recreation Center at 7064 Levant St. San Diego, CA 92111 on January 15th.

Caring for the Caregiver Workshop – January 20th – 9:00 am – 1:15 pm

The Southern California Resource Center invites you to attend a free informational workshop for family caregivers. Come and learn more about preventing senior scams, learn stress management techniques, obtain helpful resources and get answers to your most pressing questions. The seminar will be held at First United Methodist Church, Linder Hall, 2111 Camino del Rio South, San Diego, CA 92108

Councilmember Sherman to Speak at Serra Mesa Council – January 28th – Begins 6:30 pm

Councilmember Scott Sherman will attend the Serra Mesa Community Council meeting and give his ideas on how to improve San Diego in 2015 and take questions from residents. The Community Council meets at the Serra Mesa Library at 9005 Aero Dr. San Diego, CA 92123

Public Comment Open for Grantville Master Plan Update – Comments end February 2nd

The Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report for the Grantville Focused Plan Amendment has been released for public review and can be accessed at this link www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/cpu/grantvillemasterplan/index.shtml. Public comments must be received by February 2, 2015 to be included in the final document considered by the decision-making authorities. Please send your written comments to the following address: Rebecca Malone, Environmental Planner, City of San Diego Planning Department, 1222 First Avenue, MS 501, San Diego, CA 92101 or e-mail your comments to DSDEAS@sandiego.gov with the Project Name (Grantville Focused Plan Amendment) and Project Number (346289) in the subject line.

Stars of the Night at Mission Trails – February 13th Sunset until 10:00 pm

Join members of the San Diego Astronomy Association at the Kumeyaay Lake Campground's Day Use Parking Lot. Telescopes will be available for you to view the nighttime sky.

Sherman In the Community



From Left to Right

- Helping deliver donated Christmas Trees to the Serra Mesa Food Pantry

- Helping Allied Gardens Cub Scout Robbie Cochran earn his citizenship pin

- At the RLA Monthly Meeting in Linda Vista

- At the Allied Gardens Christmas Tree lighting celebration

- Congratulating Gage Elementary students in San Carlos for being named School Patrol of the year

- Honoring Tierrasanta student Alex Honore for her tireless work to help the homeless.

