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Council approves budget that restores browned out fire engines, lifeguard training and relief positions, and rec center and library hours

San Diego – Councilmember Sherri Lightner today joined six of her colleagues in approving a budget for FY2012 that protects public safety and restores the neighborhood services that San Diegans value most.

Highlights of the approved budget include the restoration of all browned out fire engines on July 1, reinstatement of lifeguard training and three accompanying relief lifeguard positions, and maintaining the current hours of operation at all libraries and rec centers. The approved budget accomplishes the priorities that Lightner has championed throughout the budget process.

“This Council made tough, common sense cuts that save key services while tackling the City’s long-term budget challenges,” Lightner stated.

“My constituents have been very clear that their top priorities are preventing cuts to our libraries and rec centers while restoring browned out fire engines and lifeguard training and staffing. We heard you loud and clear. Despite a large budget deficit, we have succeeded, by and large, in achieving the goal of protecting neighborhood services and restoring public safety,” Lightner added.

“In particular, I have been advocating for the restoration of browned-out fire engines since this was first proposed, and I’m pleased that we will be able to get these engines back in service starting July 1st,” Lightner noted.

“In addition, Lifeguards have shown time and again that they are worth every penny we spend on them. It’s so critical that they are properly staffed and trained as we head into the busy summer season so that they can continue to do what they do best—save lives,” Lightner said.

Sherri Lightner is the Councilmember for Council District One of the City of San Diego, which includes the communities of Black Mountain Ranch, Carmel Valley, Del Mar Mesa, La Jolla, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Rancho Peñasquitos, Torrey Hills, Torrey Highlands, Torrey Pines, and University City. She took office December 8, 2008.

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