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Fighting to Rebuild San Diego

Yesterday on Fox 5 News, Councilmember Faulconer and I explained how the City's proposed budget shortchanges infrastructure (watch the clip [here](#)). I will fight for a balanced budget that funds our needed condition assessments, provides adequate maintenance funding, and stays on track with bonding for our streets and sidewalks, City facilities and parks, streetlights and stormdrains.

Help for Homeowners

If you are a Bank of America customer and at risk of losing your home to foreclosure, you may be interested in a homeowner assistance event being held until Thursday at the DoubleTree Hotel Circle (1515 Hotel Circle South in Mission Valley). To learn more or schedule an appointment, visit www.bankofamerica.com/homeownerevent.

Go Play This Summer

My May/June newsletter (included here) highlights summer events, community input on infrastructure, SRCA Neighborhood Watch, and more. Let me know what you think.

Best,

Hon. Mark Kersey

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YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, YOUR PRIORITIES

After years of neglect, our City's infrastructure is crumbling. Needed projects outsize our resources, and objective data can only go so far in setting our priorities.

That's why under my leadership, the Council's Infrastructure Committee will be going into the neighborhoods to hear which projects are most important to you.

The City currently does not have any formal mechanism for neighborhood input on Infrastructure priorities, but that is about to change. I will be presenting a Neighborhood Input Policy for adoption at the next Infrastructure Committee meeting. I'm proud to share that my draft Neighborhood Input Policy was unanimously

endorsed by the Community Planners Committee, which includes a representative from each of the City's 42 citizen planning groups.



The Infrastructure Committee will also organize hearings in the neighborhoods and encourage input at the Committee itself. The first off-site Committee hearing will be held in none other than the Fifth District.

Through all of these discussions, I intend to advance an era of honesty with the community, where the process and basis for decision-making are clear. We

need transparency, we need to hear from you, we need to make the voice of the community permanent in our work to rebuild San Diego.

1st DISTRICT FIVE SIGNATURE EVENT



Thank you to everyone who came out for my first Signature Event and contributed to a lively discussion on the infrastructure crisis facing our City. The Fifth District is the farthest geographically from City Hall, so I created this series as a way to bring City Hall to my constituents. Each installment will be held in a different community and on a different topic. Future topics will include the City's budget and public safety with an emphasis on fire safety.

WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

Due to a lack of rain over the winter, fire activity is up by 45% across the state. All signs point to a very dry fire season, so we must be vigilant.



feet of your home; cleaning out your gutters and roof from leaves, pine needles and debris; and having an Evacuation Plan in case of a wildfire.

Protect your home and family from wildfires by maintaining 100 feet of defensible space; removing all dead plants, grass, and weeds within 30

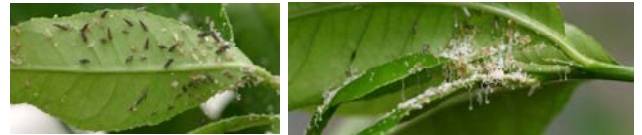
feet of your home; cleaning out your gutters and roof from leaves, pine needles and debris; and having an Evacuation Plan in case of a wildfire. Defensible space could be the difference between losing your home or saving it. Be prepared. For more tips, visit www.burninstitute.org.

SAVE YOUR CITRUS!

Huanglongbing (HLB) is a plant disease that is not harmful to humans or pets but is deadly to citrus trees. It can be spread by a pest called the Asian citrus psyllid. Help protect your backyard citrus trees by: inspecting citrus trees for signs each month, calling the CA Dept. of Food & Agriculture at 800-491-1899 if any suspicious pests or symptoms of HLB are found, not bringing any plant material into CA from other states

or countries, only buying citrus trees from reputable/licensed California nurseries, and drying or double-bagging plant clippings before disposing.

For more info, visit CaliforniaCitrusThreat.org.



THE SPIRIT OF SUMMERTIME

With summer coming up, take advantage of these affordable outdoor activities.

LA JOLLA FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

June 22 & 23 9am-5pm
UCSD Warren Field, where Genesee crosses I-5
Featuring artists, activities and entertainment
\$14 at the door, \$12 online
www.ljfa.com

SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR 2013

Del Mar Fair Grounds
June 8—July 4 (closed Mondays, except July 1)
www.sdfair.com



You can register for the following programs by calling the City of San Diego's Therapeutic Recreation Services at 619-525-8247.

TANDEM BIKE RIDE (teens and adults)
Saturday, June 1, 10:30AM-12:30PM
Fiesta Island, 1400 Fiesta Island Road
Equipment and snack provided. Cost is \$1.

PEPPER GROVE PARK PLAYDAY (age 3-12)
Meet San Diego firefighters and police officers
Sunday, June 9, 12-3PM at Pepper Grove Park
Sign up by June 5. Cost is \$5.

SHELTER ISLAND BONFIRE (age 13-18)
Fri., May 31, 6-8:30PM, 2210 Shelter Island Dr.
Sign up by May 24. Cost is \$5.

Contact the District Five office for information on activities designed for people with physical and mental disabilities or who are recovering from drug and alcohol addictions.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

San Diego Youth Symphony & Conservatory
Auditions for 2013-14 will be held June 10-20.
Registration closes May 24.
www.sdys.org

Infrastructure Committee Workshop
Voice your priorities at the first-ever off-site Infrastructure Committee hearing.

When: Tuesday, June 18, 6 PM-8 PM
Where: RB-Glassman Recreation Center,
18448 West Bernardo Drive
RSVP: (619) 236-6655 or
markkersey@sandiego.gov

Meet Mark

Office hours are available by appointment to all District Five constituents. For availability and to set an appointment, please contact Michelle Porras at:
619-236-6655

Young Audiences presents “The Lady and the Little Tramp”

May 11 at 2pm at The Vine, Mojalet’s Place for the Arts at The Bernardo Winery
13330 Paseo del Verano N., Suite 5

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Young Audiences at 619-282-7599x114 or sherrie@yasandiego.org

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: SRCA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Scripps Ranch Civic Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to building a sense of community and improving the quality of life in Scripps Ranch. Among their volunteer programs is SRCA Neighborhood Watch, a model crime prevention network and more.

SRCA Neighborhood Watch not only serves as a conduit for information through the traditional Block Captain configuration, but also incorporates two or three coordinators per area and takes a 21st century approach to community policing. The program now includes significant outreach efforts through an extensive email list of over 2,100 residents, a large following on Facebook, and information disbursement through Twitter.

The SRCA’s Neighborhood Watch has played an important role in keeping the community informed and safe. When Scripps Ranch was devastated by the Cedar Fire in 2003, SRCA’s Neighborhood Watch program assisted the SD Police and Fire Departments in identifying areas

of need and relayed the status of neighborhoods to residents. The program utilized a large network of volunteers to collect donations for fire victims and assist families in rebuilding their lives.



The program is an invaluable asset to the City of San Diego, which is why I recently nominated it for the National Sheriffs’ Association *Neighborhood Watch Awards of Excellence*. SRCA deserves the award, and we are all pulling for them.

Visit www.scrippsranch.org to learn how you can get involved with this model community organization.



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For more updates, follow me on Facebook & Twitter!



Join Mark for a Twitter Q&A!

Live on Thursday, June 13 at 1:00 PM, Councilman Mark Kersey will answer your questions about public safety, infrastructure, and more.

FOLLOW

Follow @markkersey to get important updates and a reminder about the event.

ASK

Submit your questions via Twitter before or during the event, and be sure to include the hashtag #AskD5.

ATTEND

Go to twitter.com/markkersey on Thursday, June 13 at 1:00 PM to see live questions and answers from Mark.

 **#AskD5** 