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POLICY PASSES TO MAKE YOUR VOICE COUNT IN REBUILDING SD

We can't dictate community needs from City Hall. From now on, City priorities will be shaped by the people who live and work in our neighborhoods. This week, the Council passed my Neighborhood Input Policy, which makes permanent the role of community feedback in the City's process for investing limited capital-improvement resources.

The Infrastructure Committee's first workshop was held right here in District Five this week. Members of the public can also submit questions and input to infrastructure@sanidiego.gov. The data collected will be incorporated into the City's first rolling five-year infrastructure plan.

COUNCIL CALLS FOR PLAN TO STEM EXODUS OF POLICE OFFICERS

Last week, the City Council set aside \$2 million in the budget to address police recruitment and retention challenges. This week, some of my Council colleagues and I called for immediate action to end the trend that threatens the safety of our neighborhoods and frivolously wastes taxpayer dollars.

Hiring a new police officer is an investment – over \$100,000 in the first year alone. Currently, San Diego taxpayers pay to recruit, train, and equip officers, only to see them hired away at an alarming rate. Some other departments offer up to \$5,000 if one of our trained officers leaves. We must ensure our investment is not wasted.

There's also the brain drain effect. Talented officers, detectives, and investigators are lured away by better compensation elsewhere. We must keep our police officers, to protect public safety and protect San Diego taxpayers.



LET'S TALK

My second Signature Event will be held on June 26 in Rancho Penasquitos. The topic will be San Diego's fiscal health and future. See below for more details.

Best,

Hon. Mark Kersey

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A LIVE FORUM
WITH COUNCILMAN MARK KERSEY
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2013
6:00PM TO 8:00PM

RANCHO PENASQUITOS LIBRARY
13330 SALMON RIVER RD.
SAN DIEGO, CA 92129

RSVP to (619) 236-6655 or MarkKersey@sanidiego.gov.
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