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E-Cigarette Regulations Moving Forward

Yesterday at the City Council's Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee we moved forward on developing regulations for the sale and use of electronic cigarettes, or e-cigarettes, in the City of San Diego. Currently, there are no regulations so I've proposed sensible restrictions to protect our children and people who don't want to be subjected to vaping, while providing a legal framework for those who want to use them.

One of the primary reasons I brought this issue to the committee was because of a CDC report that showed the number of middle and high school students using e-cigarettes went from 4.7 percent in 2011 to 10 percent in 2012. I am not going to stand by and watch a new generation of kids become addicted to nicotine because in middle school or high school they were led to believe that e-cigs were safe or even worse – cool.

Preparing for the First Winter Storm of 2014

We've all been doing the rain dance here in San Diego since a drought was declared for California. Finally, Mother Nature is coming through for us in what could be one of the biggest storms in years. As such, I want to remind residents to make preparations to prevent damage from the expected rain. The San Diego Fire-Rescue Department has a limited number of sandbags available as a public service in areas that may be prone to flooding – to which some of our fire-damaged communities are particularly vulnerable.

Several District Five Fire Stations do have sandbags available – though you'll have to purchase the sand to fill them up. Those stations include:

- Fire Station 33 – 16966 Bernardo Center Drive in Rancho Bernardo
- Fire Station 37 – 11640 Spring Canyon Road in Scripps Ranch
- Fire Station 40 --13393 Salmon River Road in Rancho Penasquitos
- Fire Station 46 – 14456 Lanza Drive in Santaluz

Finally, don't forget to take advantage of the weather and turn off your sprinkler systems to save both water and money on your water bill. The San Diego County Water Authority recommends keeping them off for at least a week following a heavy rain.

Best,



Hon. Mark Kersey

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