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COUNCIL DISTRICT 1

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Media Advisory

Council President Sherri Lightner Encourages Public Input on Charter Review

SAN DIEGO --- San Diego City Council President Sherri Lightner has established a Charter Review email address so that members of the public can participate in the Charter Review process. Members of the public can now email the city at <u>charterreview@sandiego.gov</u>. A full copy of the City's Charter can be found on the City Clerk's webpage at http://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/officialdocs/legisdocs/charter.shtml.

"We established a dedicated email address so that the public can easily send us their comments and suggestions. We want to hear from everyone who has ideas regarding improving and revising our City Charter. Every suggestion will be heard at an open public meeting of the Charter Review Committee," said Council President Sherri Lightner.

WHAT:	Email address: <u>charterreview@sandiego.gov</u> Charter Review Committee Meetings
WHO:	Sherri S. Lightner, Chair, Council President, District 1 Chris Cate, Vice Chair, Councilmember, District 6 Mark Kersey, Councilmember, District 5 Marti Emerald, Councilmember, District 9
WHEN:	Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, July 2, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 6, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. (*Dates for 2016 will be determined and published later this year.*)

WHERE: City of San Diego City Administration Building (CAB) Committee Room, 12th Floor 202 C Street San Diego, CA 92101

Beginning in March 2015, the agenda for each meeting will include suggestions from the public as well as those from City Councilmembers and city departments.

The Committee will begin its work by considering clean-up suggestions to the Charter, and continue on to suggestions that may be of interest to the wider public. In order for the Committee to work efficiently, suggestions shared by more than one group or individual will be heard from all of the interested parties at one meeting. Agendas, back-up material and minutes for the Committee meetings can be found on the City Clerk's website at http://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/officialdocs/legisdocs/cccmeetings.shtml. Suggestions and communications with the Committee can be sent to charterreview@sandiego.gov. For more information or questions, please contact Charter Review Committee Consultant Steve Hadley at (619) 533-5906 or via email at charterreview@sandiego.gov.

"We are looking forward to receiving feedback and recommendations for improvement from the public as well as Councilmembers and city departments. The Charter impacts the City as a whole, so suggestions on revising it and bringing it into the 21st Century are greatly appreciated. Our goal is to ensure that our Charter is easy to read and understand, promotes openness and transparency, and helps our city government to function better," Council President Lightner concluded.

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