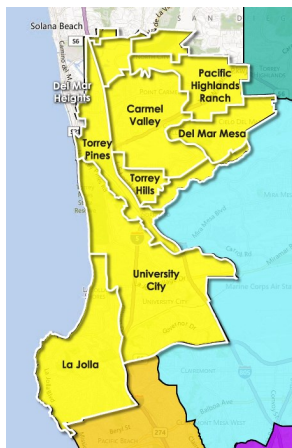




January 21, 2016

**Representing the communities of:**

- Carmel Valley
- Del Mar Heights
- Del Mar Mesa
- La Jolla
- Pacific Highlands Ranch
- Torrey Hills
- Torrey Pines
- University City



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## Council President Lightner’s 2016 Priorities

Happy New Year!

As most of you know, 2016 will be my last year in office as your Council Representative for District One. I have enjoyed working for all of you.

My top citywide priorities in 2016 are to continue implementing the City’s Water Policy and advocating for water sustainability and supply diversification for San Diego. I will be traveling to Sacramento this month to advocate for these issues.

I am also updating our City’s Charter, and the Charter Review Committee is finalizing recommendations for several updates in the next few months. Many of these amendments will be placed

on the ballot this year.

I remain committed to economic development, particularly in the areas of Blue Tech, High Tech and Cyber Security. I also continue to support STE(A)M education and efforts to close the job-skills gap for our emerging workforce, particularly in these industries.

I remain focused on several District One projects, including making progress on the Torrey Pines Corridor Project, which is the gateway to La Jolla. I am actively working on multiple fire stations in the District, including several in the University Community.

Another priority will be to work with Park & Recreation and our newly dedicated park ranger in our shoreline parks to improve

our coastal areas. I am also working on the plans for a new community Park and Rec Center in Pacific Highlands Ranch. In addition, I am advocating for more library hours and youth programs.

I am excited to bring traffic signal optimization to La Jolla to improve traffic flow and to work on other traffic calming measures, including the potential for a shuttle between La Jolla Shores and the UCSD parking lots to alleviate traffic and parking issues at the beach during the height of summer.

It’s going to be a great year, and we hope to accomplish many things. As always, feel free to send us your suggestions!

## Mayor Faulconer’s 2016 State of the City Address

On January 14, Council President Sherri Lightner led the proceedings for Mayor Faulconer’s State of the City Address.

During the speech, the Mayor unveiled his 2016 priorities, which include the creation of a parks master plan, constructing four new parks while overhauling eight others, and initiating a “Play All Day” program in which school parks would be available to the public when school is out of session.

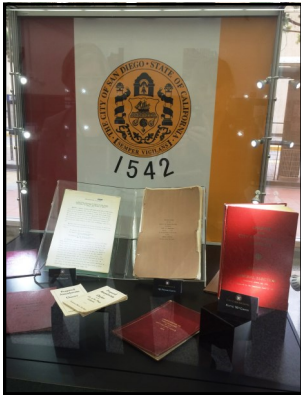
He also endorsed a proposed infrastructure plan to fund more projects and would like to increase Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) exposure to students through partnerships with local businesses. He also unveiled plans to initiate a \$12 million effort to house homeless veterans.

He also spoke about developing a new stadium and negotiating with the Chargers so that they would remain in San Diego.

Through the creation and improvement of parks, repair of more roads and sidewalks, and the availability of innovative programs for our students’ STEM education, District 1 is poised to receive many benefits.

Some of the City’s noted 2015 accomplishments were streamlining public works projects, increasing hours at recreation centers, approval of the Climate Action Plan, and negotiating a Comic-Con extension.

## Charter Review Committee Updates and Upcoming Agendas



The City's original Charter is on display as part of the City's collection.

At its January 13 meeting, the Committee forwarded more Charter cleanup language to the Council, asked for a revised draft of a preamble, and moved a list of core city services out of the preamble and back to the city services sections.

During the February 2 meeting, the Committee will consider:

- Charter section 23 – Initia-

tive, Referendum and Recall

- Section 108 – Forfeiture of Office
- Cleanup work on Article 5 sections regarding City services and Purchasing and Contracting.

Meeting as the Rules Committee, the same Councilmembers promised proponents of change for the Citizen's Review Board on Police

Practices that their suggestions will be heard at the Public Safety & Livable Neighborhoods Committee this spring before returning June 15 for consideration on the November 8, 2016 ballot.

Watch the [Charter Committee meetings](#) on City TV, and see [Committee documents](#) and [meeting schedules](#) online. Send comments to [charterreview@sandiego.gov](mailto:charterreview@sandiego.gov)

## Call for Bike Mini-Grant Applicants; due January 22, 2016



Mini-grants are available for programs that encourage biking.

Although National Bike Month isn't until May 2016, the SANDAG iCommute program is offering mini-grants of up to \$3,000 for programs that educate, promote and encourage biking as a viable transportation choice. A total of \$30,000 will be available for awards.

Eligible applicants include local government agencies, community-based and non-profit organizations, colleges and universities, business improvement districts, main

street associations, or chambers of commerce.

Creative programs are encouraged. Examples of eligible activities include, but are not limited to: Community rides, bike scavenger hunts or guided bike tours; education classes for bike maintenance and safety; "Bike to Work" or "Bike to Campus" events; campaigns or contests that promote bike riding; or "Bike to Business" promotions in a neighborhood business district. Activities

must take place between April 1 and June 15, 2016 in order to be considered.

**The deadline to apply is January 22, 2016 at 5 p.m.,** and funds will be awarded by February 19. Visit <http://icommutesd.com/events/bike-month> for more information and to request an application packet.

Then, save the date for Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 20!

## Fixit Clinics at the Downtown Central Library



Fixit Clinics can bring life back into broken possessions.

In order to promote recycling and encourage tinkerers and repairers of all types, the San Diego Central Library is hosting a series of Fixit Clinics in 2016. During these clinics, participants can repair or rehab anything they own that needs some fixing up, from electronics to toys to clothes.

"These Fixit Clinics are a great way to teach our next generation the practical skill of fixing broken items instead of throwing them in our land-

fills," said Library Director Misty Jones. "It's a great family-friendly activity."

In the clinics, participants will be provided with workspace, specialty tools and guidance to help them disassemble and troubleshoot their broken item. Even if no repair is made, participants will benefit from learning more about their product. Series partner Goodwill Industries of San Diego County will be on hand to accept

any items that participants want to donate.

The Fixit Clinics will be held every second Saturday of the month from 2:00- 4:00 p.m. in the Courtyard at the San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common. The next upcoming dates are Saturday, February 13 and Saturday, March 12. Participants should register prior to the event date at [sdfixitclinic.eventbrite.com](http://sdfixitclinic.eventbrite.com).

# Sherri Around Town



Left to right, from top: **1.** Sherri met with San Diego Firefighters and toured Station 47 in Pacific Highlands Ranch. **2.** Sherri honored Turkish Republic Day with a Proclamation for the Association of Turkish Americans of San Diego. **3.** Sherri and her staff joined University City’s annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, which included arts and crafts for young children. **4.** Sherri honored award recipients at the San Diego Police Department’s award ceremony for the San Diego Safety Patrol. **5.** Sherri and veterans from the Veterans Village of San Diego visited Kearny High School to see the progress students have made with their Veterans’ Center designs. **6.** Sherri joined Council President Pro Tem Emerald, Councilmember Kersey, and the San Diego Fire Rescue Foundation to advocate for the purchase of Personal Escape Systems to help firefighters escape high rise buildings.

## Local Business Spotlight: Su Casa

Sherri likes to regularly highlight a new or unique business in Council District One.

### This month’s selection: Su Casa

**What:** A restaurant serving seafood and regional Mexican dishes

**Where:** 6738 La Jolla Blvd, La Jolla, CA 92037

**What you’ll find:** Winner of eight Gold Medal Awards for food excellence, Su Casa (“your home”) has been serving delicious Mexican food

to legions of fans since the '60s. Enjoy one of their specialties, the Crab Verde Enchilada, which has a generous portion of flavorful sweet snow crab and cool salsa verde.

Su Casa is comfortable and casual, with a relaxed main dining room, colorful bar and outdoor covered patio. They also have a banquet room for private parties.

**Contact:** (858) 454-0369 or [sucasarestaurant@gmail.com](mailto:sucasarestaurant@gmail.com)



*Just a few steps away from Windansea Beach, Su Casa offers free parking and a nice walk to the beach before or after dinner!*

# Working Hard for You and Your District One Neighbors

## POST-STORM DISTRICT 1 REPORT

The storms that hit San Diego earlier this month created flooding in several areas due to high rainfall. The Sorrento Channel had high water levels that flooded intersections and several nearby industrial buildings.

In La Jolla Shores, a sink hole developed at the boat launch site and high water levels damaged the outfall. Additionally, tree branches fell throughout the district during the heavy rains and strong winds.

Our office is working diligently with City staff to get road repairs completed quickly and to address downed trees and branches, clogged storm drains and other roadway issues.

San Diego's emergency responders worked hard during the storms to keep people safe.

Their notable efforts included:

- Lifeguards had 18 water rescues on 1/5 between 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Fire-Rescue crews had 75 water rescues from 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. on 1/5, mostly for cars in flooded intersections
- Fire Rescue Communication Center took 207 calls in that 3-hour period

My heartfelt gratitude goes to San Diego's rescue crews. These hard-working men and women have kept residents safe. Thank you to everyone who helped!

Residents are encouraged to help minimize their own risk by purchasing sandbags at their nearest hardware store and not driving through flooded streets. Also, please call the city if you see blocked storm drains.

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Do you have a desire to make a difference in your community? If so, the City could use your help!

There are currently District One and citywide vacancies for positions on City Boards and Commissions, including the Gang Commission, the Parking Advisory Board, the Community Forest Advisory Board, the Senior Affairs Advisory Board, the La Jolla Shores Planned District Advisory Board, the Human Relations Commission, the Board of Library Commissioners and the International Affairs Board.

For more information or to apply, please call our office at 619-236-6611 and ask to speak with Kyle Heiskala, or email us at [sherrilightner@sandiego.gov](mailto:sherrilightner@sandiego.gov).

Sherril is on the Web at [sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd1/](http://sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd1/)

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### Important City Department Contact Numbers

Need help with an issue in your neighborhood? Here are some important City numbers you can call or contact Sherri's office for assistance.

<b>Emergency (Police, Fire, Medical)</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Non-Emergency Police (Minor crime report)</b>	<b>619-531-2000</b>
<b>Graffiti Removal</b>	<b>619-525-8522</b>
<b>Pothole Repair</b>	<b>619-527-7500</b>
<b>Street Lights</b>	<b>619-527-7500</b>
<b>Illegal Dumping</b>	<b>858-694-7000</b>
<b>Missed Trash Pick Up</b>	<b>858-694-7000</b>
<b>Neighborhood Code Compliance</b>	<b>619-236-5500</b>
<b>Building Permit Information</b>	<b>619-446-5000</b>
<b>Lifeguard Information</b>	<b>619-221-8899</b>
<b>Traffic Division</b>	<b>619-495-7800</b>
<b>Dead Animal Pick-Up/Animal Control</b>	<b>619-767-2675</b>
<b>Abandoned Vehicle</b>	<b>619-531-2000</b>
<b>Think Blue/Storm Water Hotline</b>	<b>619-235-1000</b>
<b>Public Utilities Department Leak Line</b>	<b>619-515-3525</b>