

COUNCILMAN MARK KERSEY

NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT



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Rebuilding San Diego



As I enter my final year as Councilmember for District Five, an issue I'm committed to tackling is the City's backlog of needed sidewalk repairs and replacements. Several years ago I spearheaded the City's first-ever sidewalk assessment, which finally gave us the full scope of the condition of our sidewalks. My new sidewalk proposal will ensure those much-needed repairs are actually completed.

Sidewalk repairs are a quality of life issue. Tackling the sidewalk repair backlog will make our city more walkable, improve business frontages and enhance ADA accessibility. Sidewalk repairs are also a safety issue. We've paid out millions of dollars in the last several years to people who have been injured on bad sidewalks—money that would be better spent on fixing the problem and preventing people from getting injured in the first place.

I am encouraged by the Mayor's decision to enact a fee holiday for sidewalk repair permits through the end of the year. This will save homeowners up to \$2,000 in fees. It's a great first step towards a comprehensive sidewalk repair program.

In addition, street repair remains a top priority for 2020. I remain committed to advocating for District 5 communities and look forward to more smooth streets in our neighborhoods. Please visit streets.sandiego.gov for information on future and ongoing road repair.

I am always interested in your feedback and invite you to contact me at MarkKersey@sandiego.gov or 619-236-6655. I look forward to a productive year and continuing to rebuild San Diego in 2020.



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Play a Role in Positive Change

I ran for office because I wanted to make positive change for all residents of San Diego. One of the strengths of local government is that everyone can participate and have a positive effect on those around us.

I encourage District Five residents to volunteer for a Community Planning Board. It's a great way to have your voice heard and serve your community.

Community planning groups provide citizens with an opportunity for involvement in advising the City Council, the Planning Commission, and other decision-makers on development projects, general or community plan amendments, rezonings and public facilities.

The recommendations of the planning groups are integral components of the planning process, and are highly regarded by the City Council and by staff.

Most positions require candidates to attend meetings to qualify for elections and then notify the Board Chair by February. The election for those seats will take place in March.

The Planning Groups listed below have vacancies and welcome your involvement. Please email the Chairperson in your area to inquire about serving.

Here's what volunteers have to say about the benefits of serving:



Robin Kaufman , Rancho Bernardo Planning Board - *"We are supposed to be the voice of the community. Not everyone has the time to participate in the meetings. The best way I can serve the community is listen to their concerns."*

Wally Wulfeck, Scripps Ranch Planning Group - *"I volunteer mainly to give back to the community and try to get the city to do smart things. I think we have a direct line to the council members and we can let them know what the constituents are thinking."*



Darshana Patel, Rancho Penasquitos Planning Board - *"Rather than expecting someone else to step up, I decided that the 'someone else' could be me. I have learned so much over the years and have never regretted my choice to be a positive force in the community."*

District Five Planning Group Vacancies

Carmel Mountain Ranch / Sabre Springs Eric Edelman, Chair – homes@edelmans.com	Rancho Bernardo – Robin Kaufman, Chair - RBPBChair@gmail.com
Vacant Seats: Carmel Trails, Provencal Waterfield Laurels, Windham	Vacant Seats: Oaks North, Bernardo Heights Seven Oaks & Remington Club
Rancho Penasquitos / Black Mountain Ranch / Torrey Highlands - John Becker, Chair - rppb.chair@gmail.com	Scripps Ranch / Rancho Encantada - Wallace Wulfeck, Chair - srpgchair@scrippsrancho.org
Vacant Seats: District 5, 6, 8, Renter-at-Large Black Mountain Ranch 2, Town Council	Vacant Seats: Whispering Ridge, Angelique Cypress Canyon Park

Business Spotlight: My Marquee SD

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Congratulations to My Marquee SD for reaching their one-year anniversary!

This Rancho Bernardo company creates custom marquee signs for weddings and other special events. Marquee letters and symbols are handmade in San Diego from high quality materials in a hammered copper finish.


For more information, visit My Marquee SD's website at www.mymarqueesd.com.

Interested in Starting or Growing a Non-Profit?

The City of San Diego and the Nonprofit Institute are proud to present The Nonprofit Academy Spring Workshop Series.

This series offers nonprofit leaders training to build a communication plan, improve program design and promote a culture of collaboration.

These workshops are free and open to any nonprofit serving the City of San Diego (exception: "Considering Starting a Non-profit" is open to any interested individual). For more information and to register, visit www.sandiego.edu/npacademy.

**City of San Diego Nonprofit Academy
Workshop Series**

The Nonprofit Institute and The City of San Diego are proud to present The City of San Diego Nonprofit Academy Spring Workshop Series. This series will provide an opportunity to explore topics in building a communication plan, program planning & evaluation, starting a nonprofit, and collaboration.

Considering Starting a Nonprofit?	February 19, 2020 2:00 – 4:30pm Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library	
Building a Communication Plan	February 12, 2020 10:00 – 12:30pm Skyline Hills Library	April 2, 2020 2:00 – 4:30pm Mission Valley Library
Program Planning and Evaluation	March 25, 2020 10:00 – 12:30pm Skyline Hills Library	April 8, 2020 1:00 – 3:30pm Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library
Creating a Culture of Collaboration	March 11, 2020 10:00 – 12:30pm Mission Valley Library	April 15, 2020 2:00 – 4:30pm Jacobs Center Community Room

Did You Know?

Explore the Library's eCollection

The San Diego Library allows you to download eBooks and eAudio-books for free to your computer or mobile device. You can also search the library database for up-to-date scholarly articles on a wide range of subjects. <https://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/catalog-databases>



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Community Calendar

Stargazing with the San Diego Astronomy Assoc.
Friday, January 24, MTRP West Sycamore Staging Area.
<https://www.sdaa.org/events.htm#SWS>

Book Sale
Saturday, January 25, Scripps Miramar Library
<https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/events/book-sale>

Family Game Night
Tuesday, January 28, Scripps Miramar Library
<https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/events/family-game-night-21>

Scripps Mesa Garden Club—Organic Winter Vegetable Production
Tuesday, January 28, Scripps Miramar Library
<https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/events/scripps-mesa-garden-club-organic-winter-vegetable-production>

Canning and Preserving
Saturday, February 1, CMR Branch Library
<https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/events/canning-and-preserving>

Discovery Concert Series
Saturday, February 8, Rancho Bernardo Library
<https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/events/canning-and-preserving>

Gardening Exchange: Seed Swap
Sunday, February 3, Rancho Bernardo Community Park
<https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/events/gardening-exchange-36>

Stop Motion Movie Making
Saturday, February 8, Rancho Penasquitos Library
<https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/events/stop-motion-movie-making>

Japanese Painting Class
Wednesday, February 12, Scripps Miramar Ranch Library
<https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/events/japanese-painting-class-17>

The Art of Cartooning
Thursday, February 20, Carmel Mountain Ranch Library
<https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/events/japanese-painting-class-17>

Coding Club
Friday, February 21, Rancho Penasquitos Library
<https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/events/coding-club-7>

Mardi Gras Run
Sunday, February 23, Rancho Bernardo Community Park
<https://www.themardigrasrun.com/>

Get It Done San Diego

Get It Done San Diego is the official app for reporting non-emergency problems to the City of San Diego. You can report problems like potholes, graffiti or illegal dumping and connect directly to the City's work tracking system. Download the mobile app at <https://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done>



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Rancho Encantada | Rancho Penasquitos | Sabre Springs | San Pasqual
Scripps Miramar Ranch | Torrey Highlands



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