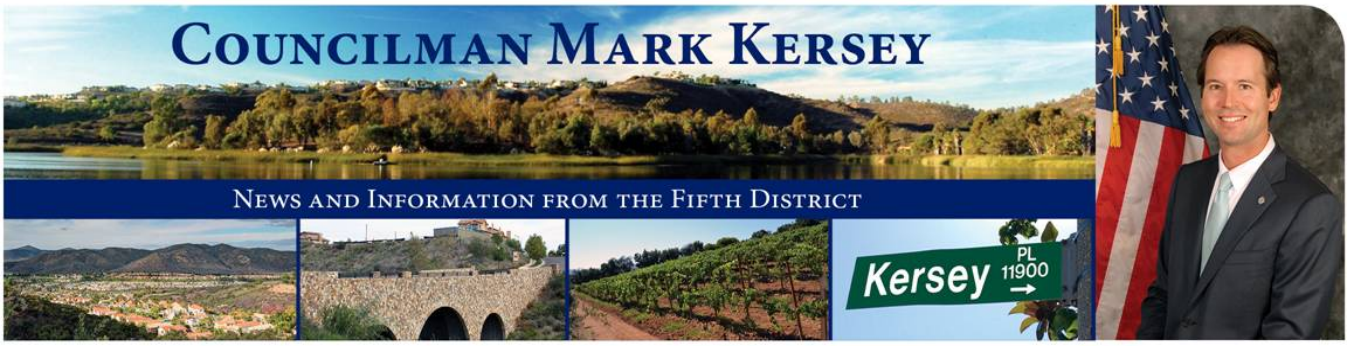

City Hall Headlines from Councilman Kersey

Here are some updates on City-related issues that I thought you would be interested in:

Updating San Diego's Military Leave Policy

On Wednesday, I was proud to bring forward changes to the City's military leave policy so employees who also serve our country as active duty or reservists don't have to use vacation time or lose pay to participate in required weekend/monthly drills. Right now, the City's military leave policy is such that when those employees have to attend required training, they often have to take vacation time or have their pay docked. I don't think it's right that the City should be asking these men and women to pay to serve their country. *Read more...*

Infrastructure, Public Safety Improvements Focus of Proposed FY '16 Budget

On Tuesday, the Mayor released his proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2016 (which starts July 1). I am happy to report there is significant funding for infrastructure , including street repairs, sidewalks and streetlight improvements. This budget represents major progress toward investing more general fund dollars in our neighborhoods. It also adds more funding for public safety, helping improve retention of seasoned police officers and updating the police dispatch system. This will help make our communities safer.The Council will hold public budget review hearings the week of May 4. I've included the schedule on the right. *Read more about the proposed budget...*

Council Approves $120M Infrastructure Bond

On top of the general fund, the City is also investing in a $120 million infrastructure investment bond. It will include $49 million in street repairs, $22 million in storm drain improvements, the building of three fire stations and the design of two new fire stations. *Read more...*

City Implements Water Conservation Measures

Governor Brown recently called for a mandatory statewide 25 percent reduction in water usage. Because of these orders, the City is

Kersey's Calendar

April 23: Infrastructure Committee, 2 p.m.

May 2: Rancho Peñasquitos Fun Run, 20th Annual Peñasquitos Day Parade and Fiesta de los Peñasquitos

May 4-8: Budget Review Committee, 9 a.m.-Noon and 2-5 p.m.

San Diego Named World's Smartest City by National Geographic Channel

San Diego was just named one of the "World's Smart Cities" by National Geographic Channel. Our great City will be featured in a one-hour documentary special beginning April 25 and will air in more than 60 countries. San Diego was the only city in North America to be chosen for this distinct honor, selected because of our

implementing new measures to reduce water usage and promote conservation. Among them, the City will stop using potable water to irrigate landscaped medians and some small/passive parks, which means some of those areas may go brown in the coming months. If you've considered making your landscaping more water efficient, now is the time to do it. The City is putting $200,000 toward a rebate program for those who switch to native and/or drought tolerant landscaping. The funding is available through June 30, 2015 with another $250,000 proposed for Fiscal Year 2016. *Read more...*

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