



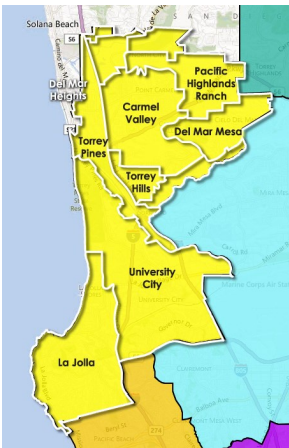
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The SpotLIGHT

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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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Mayor Releases Proposed Budget for FY 2017

On April 14, the Mayor unveiled his proposed budget for FY 2017.

As expected, Mayor Faulconer’s plan reflects priorities in infrastructure and fiscal responsibility. The budget proposes to set aside \$109 million in street repairs and \$373 million for additional infrastructure repairs—the most funding set aside for infrastructure in this decade. The budget also plans to boost San Diego’s budget reserves, which will incrementally increase from 14% to 16.7% in the next few years.

The proposed budget also

focuses on several quality of life issues. The spending plan includes expanded hours at recreation centers; improvements at Mission Bay Park; added services at a homeless shelter for those with substance abuse issues; increased arts and culture funding; and funding for projects to implement the Climate Action Plan.

I was pleased to see a priority placed on public safety, workforce development programs, and infrastructure. Additional lifeguards will support beach safety while increased funding for Connect2Careers helps employers and youth with job-readiness. Emphasis on the

Open Data program will improve efficiency and transparency, while enhanced infrastructure and storm drain and channel clearing will improve the quality of life for many District One residents.

The City Council will deliberate on this budget beginning on May 4 and is expected to adopt a final version in June. I invite District 1 constituents to share their budget priorities by emailing me at sherri@sanidiego.gov or by attending budget review meetings.

A schedule of the meetings can be found at: www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk.

Pacific Highlands Ranch Park Receives Approval

On March 17, the City of San Diego’s Park & Recreation Board unanimously approved the design of the Pacific Highlands Ranch (PHR) Community Park. The PHR Park Advisory Committee members carefully considered many different options for the park and its programming and arrived at a park design that will be a special and unique addition to their community.

The multi-purpose park will include the City’s first free bicycle pump track and

parkour area. There will also be areas for small and large dogs, a skate plaza, a traditional children’s playground, and a large, lighted turf field designed to accommodate various activities. The recreation center will have a large open-air courtyard and will be able to provide a wide variety of programming. It will feature a gymnasium, a multi-purpose room with a full kitchen and storage, and an arts-and-crafts room.

Thank you to the Park Advisory Committee members for

their thoughtful efforts and to all the PHR residents for their participation and input during the design process.



Pacific Highlands Ranch Park Advisory Committee Members pose with the park rendering.

Charter Review Committee Updates: Last Call for Suggestions!



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

In 2014, the City Council formed the Charter Review Committee as an 18 month ad-hoc committee. The Committee has worked quickly and thoroughly to complete work as scheduled and within budget, and now there are only two committee meetings remaining.

If you have a Charter item you would like the Committee to consider at the last

meeting on May 18, please contact the Committee Consultant by May 4 at charterreview@sandiego.gov.

On Wednesday, April 20 at 9:00 a.m., the Committee will consider recommendations regarding the City Employee's Retirement System and the Citizen's Review Board on Police Practices. It will also discuss staff recommendations for the City's Purchasing and

Contracting processes and the City's noticing requirements. Finally, the Committee will look at the line of succession for city elected officials during interim periods when vacancies occur for Councilmembers, the Mayor and City Attorney.

Watch the [Charter Committee meetings](#), and see [Committee documents](#) and [schedules](#) online.

San Diego's New Open Data Portal

San Diego's new Open Data Portal is set to launch in July 2016. This portal will include datasets from City infrastructure, City management and ethics, culture and recreation, economy and community, energy and environment, finance, and public safety.

Once the information is available, residents can look up all types of information online, ranging from traffic accidents in specific neighborhoods to fire pit locations on our

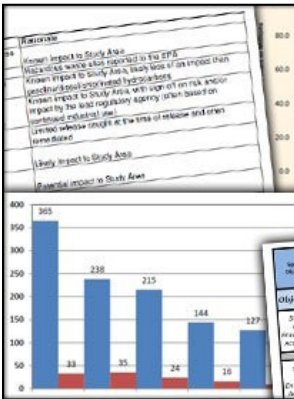
beaches.

This portal is part of a larger effort to make the City of San Diego more accountable, accessible, efficient, and transparent. It is intended to boost civic engagement, service delivery, communication and economic development. It will benefit many San Diego residents and employees alike.

Behind the scenes, 65 people from 35 City programs and departments have been iden-

tifying datasets maintained by their departments, which are then checked for accuracy to ensure the data is ready for public use.

Since all the data cannot be published at once, the City is inviting the public to vote on datasets they would like to see prioritized. Residents can vote at datasd.org or attend Open San Diego meetings at 330 A Street, San Diego at 6:00pm on the first and third Tuesday of every month.



The Open Data Portal provides a central place for up-to-date data about city operations.

Lifeguards Perform Mass Rescue at the Cove

I would like to recognize and thank our San Diego lifeguards and firefighters who accomplished a mass rescue at La Jolla Cove last month.

On March 29, 62 high school swimmers arrived at La Jolla Cove for a group swim to La Jolla Shores Beach and were given a safety briefing by lifeguards.

Although the students were accomplished swimmers, within 10 minutes, several of

them signaled that they needed assistance. Lifeguards immediately responded and rescued multiple swimmers, one of whom became unconscious and was transported to Scripps La Jolla hospital.

They then directed the remaining swimmers to the south end of La Jolla Shores Beach where lifeguards triaged the need for further evaluation and directed six additional swimmers to be evalu-

ated by medics units and Firefighters. Fortunately, all swimmers were released.

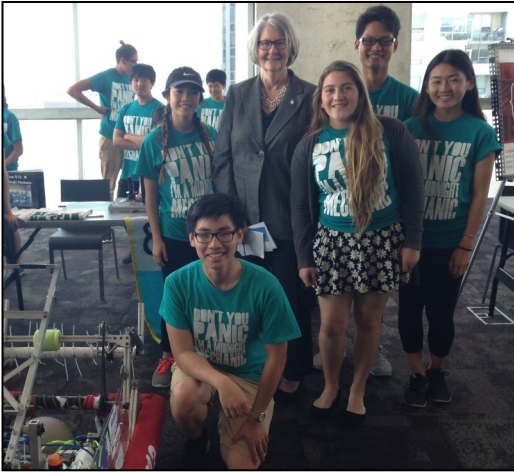
In total, this effort resulted in 23 confirmed rescues and was successful thanks to our highly trained and skilled lifeguards.

Incidents such as this are the reason that I advocate for funding for our first responders, and I'm proud that this Council makes public safety a priority every budget season.



Lifeguards protect the safety of all beachgoers at La Jolla Shores.

Sherri Around Town



Left to right, from top: **1.** Sherri joined the Mayor and Councilmembers Cole, Kersey, and Gloria at the unveiling of the Mayor's proposed budget. **2.** Sherri joined Mayor Faulconer and a host of others to cut the ribbon for NEST, one of San Diego's largest co-working spaces for tech startups and innovation. **3.** During Robot Day at the San Diego Central Library, Sherri visited with FTC Team 812 of the Preuss School at UCSD. **4.** Sherri thanked Lee Ann Kim, departing Executive Director of the Pacific Arts Movement, for her years of work in putting on the Asian Film Festival to make it so successful in District One and San Diego. **5.** Sherri attended the Grand Opening ceremony for Rancho del Sol, an affordable housing community in Pacific Highlands Ranch that was built with collaboration from the community, the developer, and the Housing Commission.

Local Business Spotlight: MD Today Urgent Care

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

This month's selection:

MD Today Urgent Care

What: An emergency room alternative for most urgent care needs

Where: 3830 Valley Centre Dr., Suite 702, San Diego, CA 92130

What you'll find:

MD Today Urgent Care has onsite exam rooms, X-rays, and a lab to

quickly treat injuries, illnesses, colds, infections, minor fractures, lacerations, and much more. In addition, they also offer Family Practice services like pediatric, geriatric, and sports exams; as well as Occupational Health services like DOT physicals and TB testing.

They specialize in same-day visits and welcome appointments or walk-ins. Most insurance plans are accepted.

Contact: (858) 720-0554,
mdtoday.com



Located in Carmel Valley, MD Today Urgent Care provides fast, affordable, quality care to San Diego residents.

Community Updates in District 1

REGENTS ROAD WIDENING PLANS COMPLETED

The City's Public Works Department has recently completed the design for the Regents Road Widening project. Construction is anticipated to begin in July of 2016 and last until fall of 2017 with normal construction hours of 8:30 a.m. through 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. When the project is completed, there will be two newly resurfaced travel lanes for cars in each direction. Other improvements will include new sidewalks, bike facilities and improved intersections along Regents Road between Genesee Avenue and Executive Drive. This project has been in the works for many years, and it will greatly improve the safety of this important connection in University City.

For more information about Capital Improvements Program projects, please visit www.sandiego.gov/cip or call the Construction Project Information Line at (619) 533-4207. For specific questions about this project, please contact our University City Representative, Kyle Heiskala, at KHeiskala@sandiego.gov.



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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.

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