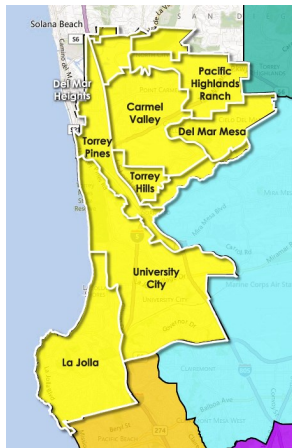




July 21, 2016

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



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Council Approves Plastic Bag Reduction Ordinance

On Tuesday, July 19, the San Diego City Council voted to approve a Plastic Bag Reduction Ordinance (also known as a Single-Use Carryout Bag Reduction Ordinance) in San Diego. The City took this step because SB 270, the statewide ban on single-use plastic bags, did not go into effect as planned in 2014. Since the outcome of the statewide plastic bag ban is unknown, the City decided to move forward to ensure it has a bag reduction ordinance in place regardless of what happens at the

state level.

Surfrider Foundation and other environmental groups have been instrumental in working with our office to support this ordinance.

San Diego can now take a leadership role in limiting plastic bag use and reducing plastic pollution. Other cities that have reduced plastic bag use have seen multiple benefits. Also, we have included measures so as not to overburden our businesses or residents.

The Ordinance includes a 6 month grace period for gro-

cery stores and pharmacies, which will not begin charging for bags until March 2017. Other retailers, such as convenience stores and small markets, will have a one year grace period starting in September 2016, and will begin charging for bags in September 2017.

The ordinance will help reduce the nearly 700 million single-use plastic carryout bags that are distributed in San Diego each year. It is estimated that only 3% of the 24 billion plastic bags used each year in California are being recycled.

Proposed Ballot Measures for the November Ballot

The City Council is in the process of approving multiple items for placement on the November ballot. Several of the items were brought forth by our office via the Charter Review Committee.

Included is a new section on how to remove elected officials from office. This proposal will create a new Charter section addressing cause for removal from all City elected offices (the Mayor, City Attorney and City Councilmembers), the process for succession, and interim authority for all elected offices.

Also being considered is a proposal to streamline the purchasing and contracting provisions of the Charter to allow for flexibility in the city's procurement practices in order to obtain the best value for our tax dollars, while still protecting competitive bidding and forbidding favoritism and collusion in bidding.

There are also two items concerning the City's general elections that are being considered. The first concerns a proposed new requirement that Citizens' Ballot Initiatives and Referenda must be voted on at General Elections. This

is a proposal to maximize voter participation on ballot measures by aligning local law with state law.

The second is a proposal for a "Right to Vote in the General Election Act," requiring the top two "vote-getters" for each city candidate election to be on the general election ballot, regardless of the primary election percentages.

The final list of ballot measures for the November ballot will be voted on by the Council on August 1 and 2.

Rules Committee Updates



The Rules Committee helped decide what will go on the November ballot.

At the June 20 Rules Committee meeting, the Committee discussed Charter Section 40, relating to the City Attorney's qualifications and duties.

Also discussed was Charter Section 23 regarding elected officials, including their removal from office, interim authority and line of succession.

The Committee also discussed the proposed cannabis tax that the city is considering implementing if recreational marijuana use is legalized statewide.

At the August 3 meeting, the committee is tentatively scheduled to discuss proposed amendments to the City's campaign laws recommended by the Ethics Com-

mission, and the Grand Jury's report regarding campaign law enforcement and training.

Residents can watch the [Rules Committee meetings](#) on City TV, and see [Committee documents](#) and [meeting schedules](#) online.

All comments can be sent to sherrilightner@sandiego.gov or (619) 236-6611.

UC "RoBowties" Place 3rd in 2016 World Robotics Championships



HUGO, the Steampunk style robot created by the UC RoBowties

The UC RoBowties, a "garage" FIRST robotics team based in University City, took 3rd Place in the First Robotics World Championships in 2016.

The Robowties, a co-ed team, some of whom have been together since 5th grade, are comprised of high school students from La Jolla High, The Bishop's School, High Tech High and Maranatha Christian School.

Out of the 60+ teams

starting the season in the San Diego area, RoBowties were one of four to advance to the West Super-Regional in Oakland. At the West Super-Regional, the RoBowties were chosen for the finals and won the Design Award, which qualified them to advance to the World Championship in St. Louis, MO.

At the World Championship held on April 27-30, the RoBowties won 3rd place overall in the Finals.

The RoBowties were also recognized for their creative booth design based on the 2011 movie Hugo, tying for 2nd in the Crowd Favorite Pit Design contest.

Sherril has always been a big supporter of FIRST Robotics programs and the hands-on experience they provide in preparing our youth for future careers in science, technology, engineering and math. To learn more, please visit firstinspires.org/robotics.

San Diego Maker Faire 2016 is Accepting Submissions



Maker Faire San Diego showcases the amazing work of all types and ages of makers

All San Diegans are invited to showcase their innovative and clever projects at **Maker Faire San Diego 2016**.

Maker Faire San Diego is held during the first weekend of October, and is a hands-on festival of invention and creativity and a celebration of the maker movement.

With incredible displays of unique technology, interactive art and engineering, citizen science, and the do-it-

yourself (DIY) mindset, it's a fantastic showcase for startups, tinkerers, and S.T.E.A.M. learning.

Organizers are hoping to have great representation from across San Diego, and feature people from District One.

If you're a maker, and you'd like to be considered, please see the Maker Faire website and respond to the [Call for Makers](#). Also, if you know other makers, please share this

opportunity in your community networks, and in your newsletters, that the call is open and they are accepting applications.

The application and further information about makers is available here: sandiego.makerfaire.com/makers/ Find them on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/SDMakerFaire/

Sherri Around Town



Left to right, from top: **1.** Sherri participated in San Diego Startup Week, which aims to foster and encourage the growth of local startup companies. **2.** Sherri proclaimed July 4th to be UC Celebration Day, and presented the UC RoBowties with commendations for placing 3rd in the World Robotics Championships. **3.** Sherri's staff presented commendations to students at the Stanley Foster School of Design for placing 1st in SDG&E's energy reduction competition with their Campus Climate Action Plan. **4.** Sherri was joined by multiple environmental partners, including the Surfrider Foundation, upon the successful passage of the Plastic Bag Reduction Ordinance. **5.** Sherri and the District 1 team were proud to march in this year's Pride Parade. **6.** Sherri joined Mayor Faulconer and Councilmember Gloria to kick off Comic-Con and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Star Trek.

Local Business Spotlight: Fresh Brothers Pizza in PHR

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

This month's selection:

Fresh Brother's Pizza

What: A new pizza place in Pacific Highlands Ranch with no additives, preservatives or GMOs

Where: The Village, Pacific Highlands Ranch Pkwy, San Diego, 92130

What you'll find: A family-friendly pizza joint that also offers build-your-own salads. Nothing at Fresh Brothers is ever fried—wings, bites, tenders and even the fries are baked. They have a full kids menu, and for those with special diets, they offer a full gluten free menu and vegan options.

Once they open this fall, they look forward to becoming deeply integrated with the community.

Contact: www.freshbrothers.com



Look for Fresh Brothers Pizza to arrive at the Village in PHR this fall.

Community Updates in District 1

Genesee Ave Widening

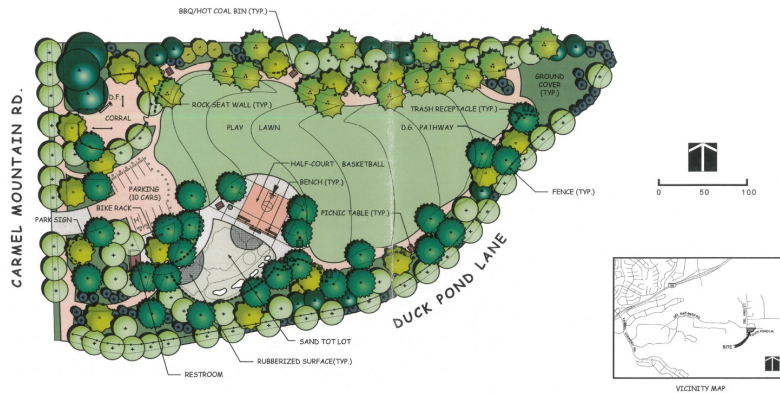
In anticipation of the pending trolley station in North University City, a Capital Improvements Project to widen Regents Road between Executive Drive and Genesee Avenue will begin in July. This project includes adding a lane in each direction, left turn pockets, medians, new bike lanes, new street lights and traffic signal modifications. In addition, the intersection of Genesee and Regents will be shifted to the east.

The City has coordinated with UCSD, La Jolla Country Day School and SANDAG's Mid-Coast Trolley project on this widening project.

Del Mar Mesa Community Park

The Del Mar Mesa Community Park will begin construction in August. The Community Planning Board is going to approve their Public Facilities Financing Plan, making funds available to build the project all at once instead of in separate phases over time. When completed, the new park at the Duck Pond

site will include restrooms, a horse corral, basketball court, tot lot, walking path, picnic tables and shade structures. The community had been patiently waiting for this project for many years, and Sherri is excited to see it finally begin construction.



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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