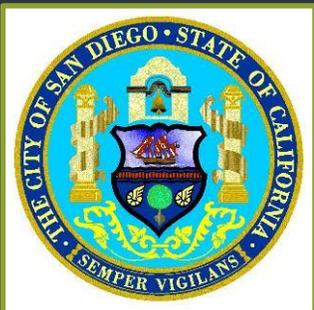


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Companion Unit Handbook Released to Help Guide Homeowners

Recently, my office teamed up with the San Diego Housing Federation, the Local Incentive Support Coalition (LISC), and the Pacific Southwest Association of Realtors (PSAR) to write the “Companion Unit Handbook,” a helpful guide to homeowners to better navigate the process of constructing a companion unit on their property.

Companion units, otherwise known as Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and granny flats are an important tool in fixing San Diego’s housing crisis. These units are uniquely useful in increasing housing in low density residential areas.

In a region where average rent is nearly \$1,800 a month and the median price of a house is over \$500,000, renters are actively seeking alternative options for affordable rent. In addition, homeowners are seeking alternative options to offset the cost of a home mortgage. Companion units provide an immediate solution to the region’s housing supply crisis.

The design and construction of a companion unit is a step by step process. Success often depends on

preparation and a solid understanding of that process. When considering building or adding a companion unit on a property, the Companion Unit Handbook will help homeowners understand:

- A property’s zoning and issues such as setback and parking
- Companion unit design and construction
- Permitting requirements
- Funding
- Supporting documents and resources

Companion units provide a great housing option for many San Diego families. Unfortunately, in the past, the process for permitting approval was cumbersome and difficult. Thanks to the help of the SD Housing Federation, LISC, and PSAR, San Diegans now have a pathway to completion.

In addition to the handbook, our office is already working on the next step, which is pre-approved companion unit templates.

To review the Companion Unit Handbook, please click [here](#).

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Lighting at Allied Gardens Community Sign Repaired



Special thanks to Transportation and Storm Water Division City workers for quickly fixing lighting

In advance of the 65th Anniversary of the Allied Gardens community, the local Kiwanis Club took it upon themselves to repair the long-broken lights that illuminated the Allied Gardens community sign at the intersection of Zion and Waring Rd.

The sign was illuminated in the past, but sadly, overtime the lights were stolen or vandalized.

The Kiwanis Club reached out to Councilmember Sherman's office who was able to urge engineers from the city to replace the lights. Sherman's

office also covered the cost of repairs and for installation of the new lights.

"I appreciate the Grantville/Allied Gardens Kiwanis Club for their continued hard work and generosity towards the Allied Gardens Community," said Councilmember Sherman. "I am also thankful to city staff for completing this project before Allied Gardens 65th Anniversary."

The Grantville/Allied Gardens Kiwanis Club will be holding an upcoming fundraiser where residents can buy bricks with their names engraved that will be placed at the neighborhood sign site.

Sherman Calls on Mayor Faulconer to Veto Bad Housing Policy

Recently, the City Council approved an inclusionary housing amendment that would drastically increase the cost of housing on San Diego families who are already struggling to pay their rent.

The measure would be a disaster for the region by exacerbating San Diego's ongoing housing crisis if Mayor Faulconer does not veto this measure.

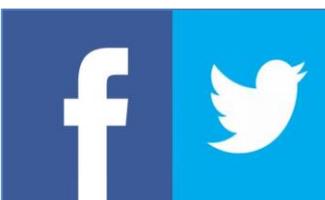
To avoid heavy financial burdens that would increase San Diegans rent by over \$1,000 a year, Councilmember Sherman is urging Mayor Faulconer to veto this ordinance.

"San Diegans cannot afford an extra \$1,000 a year to pay their already high rent. Mayor Faulconer must do the right thing and veto this bad policy," said Councilmember Sherman.

To learn more, please click [here](#).

Visit the new City resource page for a directory of City services on our website:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd7/faq/index.shtml>



Events Attended by Councilman Sherman

6/28: Awarded proclamation for the Padres 50th season in San Diego

7/10: Chaired Audit Committee meeting at City Hall

7/11: San Diego River Conservancy Meeting

7/17: Attended grand opening of new Comic Con Museum

7/18: Environment Committee meeting at City Hall

7/31: Introduced City Auditor ballot proposal at Rules Committee

8/14: Met with San Diego Grand Jury to discuss City Auditor appointment process

Online Resource Guides Available to Find Important Improvement Projects in Community



The City of San Diego has created a “Project Finder” system that contains information about projects, events, and activities underway or planned for the City’s Right-of-Way. The system includes step-by-step instructions to help identify what’s happening along streets and near City property in every neighborhood.

The website for this new system can be found at: www.sandiego.gov/tsw

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Projects Viewer

The CIP Project Viewer is a tool to track the progress of construction of active/planned construction projects managed by the City, such as street improvements and water-main replacements.

The website for CIP projects is: www.sandiego.gov/cip/projectinfo

Utilities Undergrounding Program

This website will help residents track the progress of construction of active undergrounding projects throughout the City. This site is updated monthly.

The website for undergrounding updates is: www.sandiego.gov/undergrounding/updates

Streets SD

StreetsSD is the quickest way to learn about the condition and any recent, current or planned work for any given street. The site is updated quarterly and includes the most recent project information and Overall Condition Index (OCI) score for pavement of each street in the City’s inventory. This is the first place to visit when looking for street condition information.

The website for Streets SD is: www.streets.sandiego.gov

OpenDSD

The Open DSD website provides online data on properties throughout the City. This information covers land development permit applications, inspections and completion information, code enforcement case activity, discretionary and ministerial approval maps, and code enforcement maps.

The website for OpenDSD is: www.sandiego.gov/development-services/opensds

Constituent Issues Resolved in District 7

My top priority at City Hall is to help improve the lives of those I represent and the communities they live in. Below are just a few of the issues that my staff helped resolve in the month of July:

- Replaced fans at the San Carlos Recreation Center
- Replaced fallen street light in Tierrasanta
- Trashcans installed on Sandrock Road in Serra Mesa
- Helped resident replace broken recycling bin parts in Allied Gardens
- Removed homeless encampment on Genessee Ave. in Linda Vista

Do you have an issue or problem in your community? Please contact my office at 619-236-6677 or email at ScottSherman@SanDiego.Gov. We are here to help!

Sherman's Proposal to Reform City Auditor Appointment Process Moves Forward

Earlier this month, the Rules Committee voted unanimously to move forward Councilmember Sherman's proposed charter amendment to reform the appointment process for the City Auditor.

As Audit Committee Chairman and a member of this year's Auditor Search Committee, it became clear to Sherman that there was a fundamental flaw in the Auditor selection process. The administration (Mayor) appoints the Auditor who would be tasked with conducting oversight of, and holding accountable, the administration.

To fix this flaw, Councilmember Sherman introduced a list of options for the Rules Committee to consider. The Committee chose to move forward with Sherman's preferred option of the Audit Committee recommending three qualified candidates and the City Council appointing from those recommendations.

Sherman's proposal will be forwarded to the City Attorney to draft language for consideration by the Rules Committee and the City Council to put on the March ballot.

"I am thankful to my colleagues on the Rules Committee for supporting this common-sense solution to a flawed process," said Councilmember Sherman. "I look forward to working with all stakeholders to draft an acceptable charter amendment for the March ballot."



Casework Corner

One of my top priorities is improving customer service at City Hall. I believe our government should be using these five simple words more:

"How may I help you?"

Neighborhood Issues Successfully Resolved in July:

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Upcoming District 7 Events

Linda Vista Farmers Market – Every Thursday in August 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Stop by the Linda Vista Farmers market every Thursday this month to buy delicious, organic, and local fruits and vegetables to feed your family. The Farmers Market is open from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm and is located at the Linda Vista Plaza Shopping Center at 6939 Linda Vista Rd, San Diego, CA 92111.

Food and Nutrition Seminar in Tierrasanta – August 22nd 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Participants will enjoy learning how to cook easy, healthy, and kid approved food. They will learn how to make sandwich wraps, homemade chicken nuggets, snacks, and so much more! This is a six-week class so make sure to sign up prior to the first class as space will fill up fast.

If the participant has special needs and/or requires special accommodations related to a disability, please contact the facility. For more information, please contact the recreation center at (858) 573-1393.

Friends of Ruffin Canyon Meeting in Serra Mesa – August 28th 5:30 pm to 7:30pm

Ruffin Canyon is Serra Mesa's natural open space with more than 84 acres. The canyon extends from the south end of Ruffin Road to Mission Valley and the unique habitat is in need of care. The goal of the organization is to foster community participation in the protection of Ruffin Canyon. The event will be held at the Serra Mesa/Kearney Mesa Library at 9005 Aero Drive, San Diego, CA 92123.

San Carlos Library Used Book Sale – September 7th 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

The San Carlos Friends of the Library will be holding their monthly used book sale. They offer a large array of books in every genre. All proceeds go to support the library. The San Carlos Library is located at 7265 Jackson Dr. San Diego, CA 92119. For more information, please email booksales@sancarlosfriendsofthelibrary.org

35th Annual Coastal Cleanup Day – September 21st 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join the "I Love a Clean San Diego" organization for the 35th annual Coastal Cleanup Day. Join fellow San Diegans and 100+ cleanup sites throughout San Diego County. Registration opens on August 26th. Register at www.cleanupday.com.

2019 San Diego County Healthier Living Workshops Scheduled Throughout the Year

Healthier Living workshops organized by the San Diego County Government are peer led workshops that train participants in skills to relieve pain, reduce fatigue, calm anxiety, relieve shortness of breath, soothe muscle tension, and improve sleep to name a few! Workshops are held once a week for six weeks for 2.5 hours. Participants cannot join the class after the second session. For more information, please click [here](#).