

# District 7 Dispatch

March 2020

## Serving the Neighborhoods of the 7<sup>th</sup> District

- San Carlos
- Del Cerro
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- Serra Mesa
- Linda Vista
- MCAS Miramar
- Navajo
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## Exercise Your Right to Vote Tomorrow, March 3rd

As a proud son of a 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Army Veteran, I know first-hand the sacrifices military men and women made to protect our God-given rights. Many have sacrificed their lives in battle so that we may have a say in how our government should be run.

To honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice, San Diegans have an opportunity to thank them by voting in the upcoming primary election on Tuesday, March 3rd.

If you are a permanent absentee mail voter, your ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day and it must be received no later than the Friday after Election Day. Absentee voters can also drop off their ballots at a series of locations around the City or at the Registrar of Voters office anytime Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A list of locations can be found on the Registrar of Voters website at [sdvote.com](http://sdvote.com).

For election day voters, please also visit [sdvote.com](http://sdvote.com) to locate your polling station.

A government elected by its citizens can only work if we actively take part in the process.

With a government that effects many parts of our lives - from schools, to healthcare, to homeland security, voting is a sacred right that we must take seriously.

By voting tomorrow, you can make your voice heard. Every vote counts! In fact, in my first election in 2012, I won by only 54 votes!

I hope you will join me in taking part in this special right that many heroes have died protecting.

In Service,

Scott Sherman



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<https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd7/faq>

# Mission Valley Planning Group General Election in March



**On Wednesday, March 4, 2020**, the Mission Valley Planning Group (MVPG) will hold a General Election of Members to serve on its Board. The General Meeting and Election will be at **Noon**, in the Community Room, Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway, San Diego.

The MVPG Board represents the General Members of the Mission Valley Planning Group and is an all-volunteer group. Its primary purpose is to advise the City Council, Planning Commission, and other governmental agencies, as may be appropriate, in the initial preparation, adoption of, implementation of, or amendment to the general or community plan as it pertains to the area or areas of influence of Mission Valley.

Each term is four (4) years, and three (3) positions will be filled in the General Election in each of the following classifications:

- **Class I:** Property owner, who is an individual identified as the sole or partial owner of record, or their designee, of a real property (either developed or undeveloped) within the community planning area. ***Term expires March 2024***
- **Class II:** Person (including residents or persons representing business entities) paying property taxes on any parcel of real property in the community planning area. ***Term expires March 2024***
- **Class III:** Resident, whose primary address is in the community planning area (either an owner or renter). ***Term expires March 2024***
- **Class IV:** Local business person (including persons representing business entities), who is a local business owner, operator or designee, with a business address in the community which employees or operators of the business are located. ***Term expires March 2024***

For further information, please contact Michele Addington at [micheleaddington@gmail.com](mailto:micheleaddington@gmail.com)

## Events Attended by Councilman Sherman

**1/9: San Diego River Conservancy Meeting**

**1/15: Tierrasanta Kiwanis Club meeting**

**1/15: Chaired the Audit Committee meeting at City Hall**

**1/23: Land Use & Housing Committee Meeting**

**2/5: Opened new Ranger Station at Mission Trails Regional Park**

**2/13: Environment Committee meeting at City Hall**

**2/22: Attended event to support formerly homeless organized by Ascension Lutheran Church in Allied Gardens**

**2/28: Spoke at Tiny Homes Fest to promote housing affordability**

**2/29: Threw out first pitch at Mission Trails Little League season opener**

# San Diego Launches Pledge Drive to Stop Distracted Driving



With the goal of eliminating fatalities and severe injuries by 2025, the City of San Diego is partnering with nonprofit Circulate San Diego to launch a pledge drive that encourages San Diegans to be attentive and avoid distractions as they travel the city.

The pledge drive is part of the expanded education outreach for Vision Zero, an initiative that is driving efforts to improve street safety and save lives here in San

Diego and in cities around the world. Circulate San Diego is the leading organization to promote Vision Zero in the San Diego region.

Distracted driving is a leading cause of vehicle and pedestrian crashes and happens any time you aren't giving your full attention to the road, the speed limit, bicyclists, pedestrians and the cars around you. The City and Circulate are encouraging drivers to [take the pledge](#) online and commit to doing their part to end traffic deaths by 2025.

First implemented in Sweden in the 1990s, Vision Zero is an initiative that includes a three-part strategy: engineering, education and enforcement. As part of San Diego's new Vision Zero outreach campaign, the City and Circulate will work together to educate high school students, commuters and members of the public about the dangers of being distracted while driving, bicycling and walking. The campaign also includes informational videos and social media messaging.

Traffic engineers are evaluating collisions on City streets during 2019 to prioritize future safety improvements. For the current fiscal year, about \$13 million was allocated to Vision Zero street projects, including more than \$2.4 million for the installation of new sidewalks, \$1.8 million for new traffic signals and \$1.6 million for median installations.

The San Diego Police Department received grant funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety to promote street safety and provide enforcement in high priority corridors. Enforcement efforts target drivers and pedestrians who are caught committing common violations like speeding and crossing against a traffic signal. Learn more about the City's Vision Zero initiative by visiting [www.sandiego.gov/visionzero](http://www.sandiego.gov/visionzero).

# 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 February:

- Resolved 72-hour parking complaint in Grantville
- Opened new playground at Rancho Mission Canyon Park in San Carlos
- Slurry sealed the following roads in Serra Mesa: Unida Pl., Towser St., Marathon Dr., Guild Ave., Angwin Pl., Angwin Dr., Chelar St., Sego Pl., Geraldine St., Stellar Dr.
- Helped resolve with traffic light issue in Mission Valley

Have concerns or problems in your community? Please contact my office at 619-236-6677 or email at [ScottSherman@SanDiego.Gov](mailto:ScottSherman@SanDiego.Gov). We are here to help!

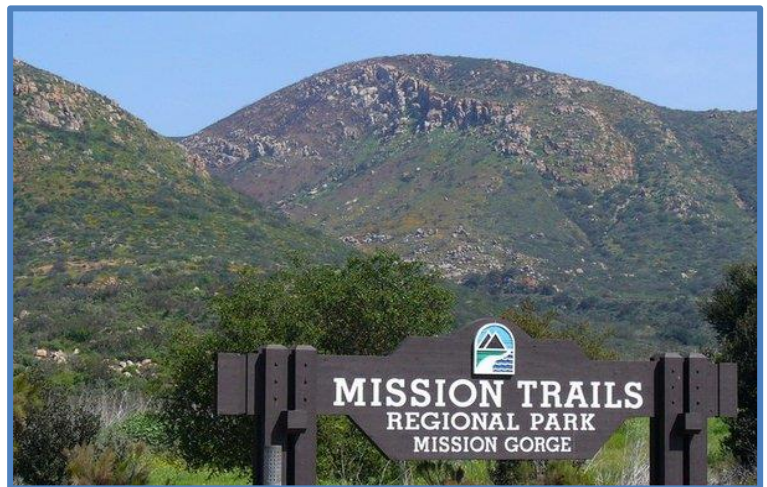
## State-of-the-Art Ranger Station Officially Opens at Mission Trails

Mission Trails Regional Park (MTRP) Taskforce Chairman Scott Sherman and Councilmember and MTRP Committee Member Jen Campbell officially opened a new 5,000 square foot state-of-the-art ranger station at MTRP.

This important park investment will give rangers improved resources and facilities to better protect the park and engage with park visitors.

In addition to the new ranger station, public artwork by acclaimed local artist Roman de Salvo was unveiled. The artwork, *Fountain Mountain*, consists of a large boulder with trail-like channels carved into its surface. A functioning drinking fountain fixture rises out of the highest point of the boulder, and water flows through the array of tiny trails in serpentine paths down the slopes of the boulder. The artwork is inspired by many trails at MTRP.

“Mission Trails Regional Park has a special place in my heart. As a native San Diegan, Mission Trails was basically my playground even before it became an official park,” said Sherman. “I am glad we have invested in improving public safety for this important regional treasure.



## 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?”

Nighborhood Issues Successfully Resolved in February:

# Upcoming District 7 Events

## **Linda Vista Farmers Market – Every Thursday in March 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 located at the Linda Vista Plaza Shopping Center at 6939 Linda Vista Rd, San Diego, CA 92111.

## **San Carlos Library Monthly Used Book Sale – March 7, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm**

Come choose from the San Carlos Library's 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](mailto:booksales@sancarlosfriendsofthelibrary.org)

## **Tierrasanta Community Council Meeting – March 18, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, San Diego, CA 92124. Held in the Recreation Center building in the far west end of the parking lot, west of the basketball courts.

See what's going on in your community! Want to participate? Several committees need your input to keep Tierrasanta one of San Diego's greatest communities! Click [here](#) for more information.

## **Linda Vista Town Council Meeting – March 19, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm**

The Linda Vista Town Council's primary objective is to improve the quality of life in the community. Meetings are held at the Bahai Faith Center at 6545 Alcala Knolls, 92111. For more information, please click [here](#).

## **Friends of Ruffin Canyon Meeting in Serra Mesa – March 25, 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.

## **2020 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](#).