

District 7 Dispatch

November 2019

Serving the Neighborhoods of the 7th District

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Sherman's Reform Ballot Measure Approved for March Ballot

Recently, the City Council voted unanimously to place my proposed charter amendment on the March 3rd 2020 Primary ballot.

As Audit Committee Chairman and a member of this year's Auditor Search Committee, it became clear that there was a fundamental flaw in the Auditor selection process.

Currently the Mayor's office appoints the City Auditor. This appointment process could create accountability issues since the City Auditor would be tasked with conducting oversight of, and holding accountable the administration.

To fix this flaw, my ballot measure, if approved by voters, would make the following changes:

- The Audit Committee vets all applicants and nominates three candidates to the full City Council
- The City Council interviews the three candidates and appoints the best qualified
- Mayoral administration not

involved in the appointment process

The City Auditor is vital to holding the city administration accountable and ensuring taxpayer dollars are spent properly. The administration shouldn't be in charge of choosing who is overseeing the administration. This ballot measure will help ensure this vital position is truly independent.

I appreciate the unanimous and bipartisan support this measure received at City Council. I am also thankful for former Councilmember Donna Frye who helped push this measure through.

I look forward to speaking with voters in the upcoming months regarding the importance of passing this measure in March of 2020.

In Service,

Scott Sherman

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**Visit the new City
resource page for
a directory of
City services:**

<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, who is an individual, whose primary address is an address 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 at which employees or operators of the business are located. ***Term expires March 2024***

For further information, please contact Michele Addington at micheleaddington@gmail.com

Events Attended by Councilman Sherman

**10/2: Chaired
Audit Committee
meeting at City
Hall**

**10/4: Attended the
last Concert in the
Park in Allied
Gardens**

**10/10:
Environment
Committee
meeting at City
Hall**

**10/16: Spoke at
RWC Point Loma
meeting on housing
and land use issues**

**10/17: Attended
Urban Corps 30th
Anniversary
celebration event**

**10/22: Met with
representatives
from the San Diego
Farm Bureau**

**10/24: Attended
Circulate San
Diego 2019
Momentum
Awards**

**10/28: Spoke with
members of the
Junior League at
City Hall**

**11/2: Ocean
Discovery Institute
Bubble Up Gala**

City Seeks Input to Help Improve Livability for Older Residents



The City of San Diego is asking for input from residents 50 and older via an online survey to help prepare for the changing needs that come with aging.

The survey, which takes approximately 10 minutes to complete, seeks input across eight topics: Outdoor Spaces and Public Places, Transportation, Housing, Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, Work and Civic Engagement, Communications and

Information, and Community and Health Services.

Surveys are available in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#) and only residents of the city of San Diego are eligible to participate. The public can provide responses until December 13th.

The survey, conducted by the City's Parks and Recreation Department's AgeWell Services program, is a collaborative effort with the San Diego Foundation and San Diego State University's Social Policy Institute.

It is also part of a broader City effort in concert with the World Health Organization and the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) to designate San Diego as a member of the global network of "Age-Friendly Cities" that embrace healthy aging, civic participation, and sustainable economic and social success.

To complement the findings of the survey, the AgeWell Services program received a \$50,000 grant from the San Diego Foundation to provide funding for future programming and materials specifically designed for older residents. The funding will help make recreation centers and other facilities welcoming and engaging to people of all ages, creating vibrant community gathering places.

The City's AgeWell Services program engages with older residents to help keep them active and healthy through schedule day trips, dances, volunteer opportunities, weekly activities, and signature annual events such as the AgeWell Talent Show, craft sale and photo and art shows, among others.

For more information about programs and services the City provides to older residents, please click [here](#).

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 October:

- Weeds on median cleared on Mission Village Drive in Serra Mesa
- Reported construction noise violations in Grantville to code enforcement
- Replaced broken street sign in Tierrasanta
- Reported illegal parking violations in San Carlos
- Fixed timer issue at joint-use field at Serra High School in Tierrasanta
- City crews cleaned up properties along Linda Vista Road

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!

Donations Needed to Support Homeless Veterans

Last year, the Allied Gardens/Grantville Community Council asked the community to welcome and support the 84 formerly homeless Veterans who took up residence at the newly renovated Zephyr building in Grantville.

What was once a rundown motel that attracted crime is now used for homeless Veterans with wraparound services to help them get their life back on track.

The Community Council is now asking for support for a new challenge. Stella, the residence that was recently opened on Twain Avenue offers permanent housing to 79 chronically homeless individuals who are working to return to a stable and productive role in society.

On-site counseling and support will be offered to by Interfaith Community Services and the Department of Veteran Affairs.

In the longer term, any donations in the form of household goods would be appreciated. However, there is an immediate need for food. Donations can be dropped off at 4304 Twain Avenue on weekdays between 9:30 am and 4:30 pm.



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 October:

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Upcoming District 7 Events

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

Tierrasanta Community Council Meeting – November 20th 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 – November 21st 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 – November 27th 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 Monthly Used Book Sale – December 7th 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

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](#).