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Planning Commission Approves Councilmember Sherman's Charter School Permitting Reform

Last month, the Planning Commission approved a proposed measure of mine to reform the City of San Diego's Conditional Use Permit (CUP) that would ease permitting requirements on San Diego public charter schools.

Public charter schools serve over 21,000 students in 51 schools within the City of San Diego and the San Diego Unified School District. They have become an important educational option for thousands of San Diego parents. Unfortunately, the City's burdensome CUP is enormously complex, time consuming, and expensive.

My plan would achieve the following:

- Revise municipal code to reduce the permitting requirements to help charter schools obtain facilities
- K-12 schools with less than 300 students will be permitted in residential multi-family, commercial regional, commercial office, and commercial community permitting zones

- These revisions would allow more money to go directly to education instead of navigating through the permitting process

My office began working with public charter schools and affiliate organizations after being contacted by four charter schools in the district that were having trouble navigating the burdensome permitting process.

Thousands of San Diego working families depend on charter schools throughout San Diego to educate their children. I applaud the Planning Commission for approving this important measure. I urge my Council colleagues to join me in support when this item reaches Committee and the full Council.

In Service,

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Committee Unanimously Approves Sherman's Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone



Fox 5 News interviewed Councilmember Scott Sherman about his plan to create Urban Agriculture Zones. Please click on the picture to watch the story.

The Smart Growth & Land Use Committee unanimously approved Councilmember Scott Sherman's proposed New Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone, a new program that will help expand community access to fresh produce through a property tax incentive for urban agriculture on vacant, blighted land.

This new program will provide communities throughout the entire City an economic tool to incentivize

the development of community gardens on eyesore properties. An Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone reduces the property tax of a participating parcel owner in exchange for a minimum five year contract for the usage of the site for urban agriculture.

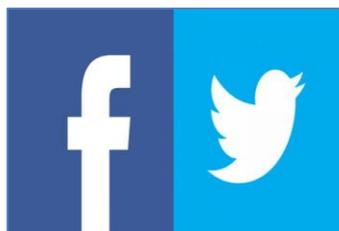
The new measure is made possible as a result of State Assembly Bill 551 introduced by Assemblymember Phil Ting (D), which was signed into law during the 2013 state legislative session.

"As an active member of the San Carlos Community Garden, I am excited to bring forward a program that will help incentivize the development of urban agriculture in all San Diego neighborhoods as well as give residents and property owners an additional tool to transform blighted property in their communities," said Councilmember Sherman.

My Voice in the Arts Program an Overwhelming Success

Earlier in the year Councilmember Sherman partnered with the San Diego Opera to create a new pilot program to introduce students throughout the City of San Diego to opera.

The program was a resounding success and resulted in over 60 applications throughout the City. Due to the generosity of San Diego Opera patrons, the program was expanded from the original number of 36 students to 50 students from all nine council districts. These students will have a once in a lifetime experience of not only watching performances, but also going behind the scenes and meeting the cast and crew that make these performances possible. For more information about the program, please click [here](#).



Events Attended by Councilman Sherman

1/7: Served over 500 residents at sandbag distribution event at Qualcomm Stadium

1/14: San Diego River Conservancy meeting

1/14: Mayor Faulconer's State of the City Address

1/15: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Human Dignity Awards breakfast

1/21: Chaired the Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force Committee meeting

1/21: Spoke at Linda Vista Town Council Meeting

1/22: Distributed Sandbags to residents on Cabaret St.

1/27: Attended Serra Mesa Community Council meeting

1/29: WeAllCount Homeless Outreach event

1/29: Meeting at United Way

Fire Station 45 Community Open House In Mission Valley on Feb. 20th



Councilmember Sherman has teamed with the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department to hold an open house of Fire Station 45 for the community.

Residents can take a tour of the fire station and receive free CPR training from the Project Heart Beat organization.

Fire Station 45 opened in November 2015 and is one of the first new stations built in the City of San Diego in over 20 years.

The event will be held on Saturday, February 20th from 11:00 to 1:00 pm. Fire Station 45 is located at 9366 Friars Road in Mission Valley. Parking is available in the adjacent lot that is accessible off of Mission Village Drive.

Linda Vista Health Center Extension to Open in Spring



The Linda Vista Health Care Center has been extended to create new support capabilities to help the community. The new expanded facilities are expected to open in the spring of 2016.

This beautiful, state of the art facility will offer additional access to adult medicine, pediatrics, mental health care and dentistry.

Primary care services, mental health services and dental services will be available to all residents of San Diego County. The Health Center looks forward to accepting residents and their families as new patients.

The mission of the Center is to provide culturally competent, affordable, fiscally responsible, and accessible primary care to residents by offering high quality medical care, mental health care, and multi-cultural health promotion with a primary focus on central San Diego.

For more information, please contact the Health Center at 858-279-0925.

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 January:

- Potholes filled in Genessee Ave. in Linda Vista.
- Removed excess cement debris from Cespel and Pavo Real Dr. in Tierrasanta
- Reported a misspelled street sign in Allied Gardens
- Reported a sidewalk which needed to be stenciled in Del Cerro
- Reported clogged storm drains in Mission Valley
- Recalibrated traffic signals in San Carlos
- Helped resident in Serra Mesa with a water billing issue

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!

Free Lifesaving Smoke Alarms for Seniors and Tips for El Nino

The Burn Institute, a local nonprofit agency that is dedicated to reducing the number of burn injuries and deaths in San Diego has begun the *Senior Smoke Alarm Program* that provides seniors with free smoke alarms and installations.

To qualify for the lifesaving program, residents must be 62 years or older and own their own home.

To receive free smoke alarm installation, contact the Burn Institute at 858-541-2277 ext. 18 or email smokealarm@burninstitute.org.

Tips for El Nino:

Before it rains:

- Report blocked storm drains by calling (619) 235-1000 or by submitting an [online storm water service request](#) with the City's Transportation & Storm Water Department.
- Sign up for [Alert San Diego](#) notifications for all your telephone numbers.
- Create a [family communication plan](#) to stay in touch with loved ones
- [Prepare your pets](#) for El Niño. Have transportation ready for all larger animals under your responsibility

When Rains Arrive:

- Report flooding to the City's emergency dispatch center at (619) 527-7500
- For life threatening emergencies call 911.
- Report downed electrical lines or gas emergencies to San Diego Gas & Electric at (800) 411-7343.
- Leave early if your property is in a flood zone. Water levels can rise fast once storms start. Do not hesitate to move if you see rising water.
- Follow all instructions issued by public safety personnel.
- **Drive carefully! Take your time getting home or to work.**

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 January:

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Upcoming District 7 Events

Linda Vista's Farmers Market – Every Thursday in February 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.

Linda Vista Vietnamese New Year Celebration -- February 2nd 5:00 to 8:00 pm

The Bayside Community Center will be hosting a Vietnamese New Year celebration that will include a lion dance, Vietnamese music, a kung fu performance and a raffle. Enjoy fun and delicious traditional Vietnamese food as well. The Bayside Community center is located at 2202 Comstock Street, San Diego, CA 92111. For more information please call 858-278-0771.

Ruffin Canyon Cleanup in Serra Mesa – February 6th 9:00 to 12:30 pm

Residents of Serra Mesa will be taking part in a clean-up effort of Ruffin Canyon. Participants will meet on Shawn Ave. at the entrance of Ruffin Canyon which is on the corner of Shawn Ave. and Amulet St in San Diego, CA 92123. Please bring sturdy clothes, shoes, water, hat and sunglasses.

San Carlos Friends of the Library Used Book Sale – February 9th 9:30 am

The San Carlos Friends of the Library will be holding its monthly book sale to help raise funds for library programs. The book sale offers an array of books in every possible genre. For more information, please call 619-527-3430. The library is located at 7265 Jackson Dr. San Diego, CA 92119.

San Carlos Friends of the Library Monthly Meeting – February 20th 4:00 to 5:30 pm

Join library advocates to learn how you can help the San Carlos Library. The agenda includes elections of Officers and Board Members for 2016. New volunteers and members are always welcome. The event is held at the San Carlos Library at 7265 Jackson Dr., San Diego, CA 92119. Please call 619-527-3430 for more information.

Assemblymember Weber Mobile Office in Mission Valley– February 15th 10:00 to 12:00 pm

Connect with Assemblymember Weber's staff and get help with any problems you are having with public agencies, ask questions about legislation, and learn about state and local services. Issues that staff can assist with include renters and homeowner's assistance programs, property tax issues, consumer complaints, and unemployment and disability insurance. No need to make an appointment, just stop by the Mission Valley Library at 2123 Fenton Pkwy, San Diego, CA 92108

Sherman in the Community



From Left to Right

- Scholars and athletes of the month at Empower Charter School in Linda Vista
- Councilmember Sherman greeting residents at his sandbag distribution event in Mission Valley
- Answering questions and listening to comments at the Linda Vista Town Council meeting
- Attending the Serra Mesa Community Council meeting to speak with residents
- Helping the homeless at the WeAllCount event
- Speaking with Police Officers at WeAllCount event