

# COUNCILMAN MARK KERSEY

NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT

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## Extending the SR-56 Bike Path

The 56 bike path is a 10.5-mile multi-use pathway parallel to SR-56 that is used by many San Diegans for both commuting and recreation. Plans to extend the bike path on the west end, extending it underneath the I-5 for a safe connection to the Sorrento Valley Pedestrian/Bike path are one step closer to becoming reality.

The Infrastructure Committee, which I chair, advanced an agreement between the City and Caltrans to extend the path. This item will be heard by the full Council in December, with a project timeline to follow.



For Karen Matingou, long-time Rancho Bernardo resident who was recently diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, the extension means more than riding her bike as a hobby. Karen recently completed her first century ride in the face of MS, and for her resilience, I was pleased to declare November 3, 2018 to be Karen Matingou Day in the Fifth District of the City of San Diego. Watch Karen's story here: <https://www.nbcсандiego.com/news/local/state-route-56-bike-trail-city-council-expansion-proposal-499582261.html>. For maps of bike lanes/routes in San Diego, safety tips and an interactive bike rack map, check out <https://www.sandiego.gov/Bike>.

## Rebuilding San Diego: 1,000 Miles and Counting

Making strides to tackle San Diego's road repair backlog, we've fixed 1,000 miles of road over the last three years. This milestone comes nearly two years ahead of the Mayor's five-year goal and continues our momentum to rebuild San Diego.

The 1,000 miles includes long-awaited resurfacing of District 5 thoroughfares like Rancho Carmel Drive and Rancho Bernardo Road. There is more work to be done in our neighborhoods, and I continue to advocate at the highest level for District 5 roads to get the repairs they need.

As the author of Prop H or the Rebuild San Diego initiative that created a dedicated funding stream for infrastructure repairs without raising taxes, I assure you we are not slowing down.



District 5 Roads: Before and After Repaving



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## Share Your Feedback About Drone Technology



San Diego has been selected by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to test the safe deployment of unmanned aerial vehicles or drones over the next two years.

As the City explores how drones can enhance public safety initiatives in our region, you are encouraged to provide feedback through an online survey: [http://bit.ly/dronesurvey\\_sandiego](http://bit.ly/dronesurvey_sandiego)

## Door-to-Door Brush Management Inspections



After Thinning and Pruning

To ensure San Diego residents take the necessary steps to reduce wildfire risk and have proper defensible space, a uniformed Code Compliance Officer from the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department's Brush Management Program is performing door-to-door brush inspections in District Five.

Learn more at <https://www.sandiego.gov/fire/services/brush>. If you have any questions, contact the Fire-Rescue Department's Brush Management hotline at 619-533-4444.

## Trail for All People – Black Mountain Regional Park

San Diego has some of the best hiking, mountain biking and open space parks in the state, and I am incredibly proud to have the Jas Arnold Trail for All People in the Black Mountain Regional Park in District Five.

The Trail for All People was spearheaded by the late Jas Arnold, who was a longtime Rancho Peñasquitos resident. It was his vision that created San Diego's first wheelchair accessible hiking trail. The 1,100-foot loop consists of easy grades that are accessible for both wheelchairs and strollers.

Have you visited the Black Mountain Regional Park? Share your favorite trails and mountain views with me on my Facebook page at <http://bit.ly/MarkKerseyFB>



## Share the Joy: Support The Enlisted Project



This holiday season, I'm partnering with Support The Enlisted Project (STEP), which is based in District 5, to collect unwrapped gifts for children ages 4-10 who are in military and veteran families currently struggling with or recovering from financial hardship.

Since 2013, STEP has been helping military and veteran families build financial self-sufficiency through counseling, grants and other support

programs. To date, STEP has responded to more than 4,300 applications for counseling services and granted more than \$1.5 million to provide food, auto repairs, restore utility disconnections, stop homelessness and evictions, and halt vehicle repossessions.

Your support would go a long way in helping military families enjoy the holidays. If you would like to donate new and unwrapped gifts, please contact my office at 619-236-6655 or email me at [MarkKersey@sandiego.gov](mailto:MarkKersey@sandiego.gov). We will be collecting toys until December 13. Thank you in advance for your generosity as we support our military and veteran families in need.

## Free Smoke Alarms for Seniors



The Burn Institute is a local nonprofit dedicated to reducing the number of burn injuries and deaths in San Diego and Imperial counties. This fiscal year, I'm proud to support the Burn Institute with District 5 Community Projects, Programs and Services funding. Funds will be used to purchase and install free smoke alarms for seniors.

Free smoke alarms are available to seniors 62 years or older who own their own home. To get connected with the Burn Institute for a free smoke alarm installation, please contact my office at 619-236-6655 or email me at [MarkKersey@sandiego.gov](mailto:MarkKersey@sandiego.gov).

## Drugged Driving Prevention Month

December is Drugged Driving Prevention Month, which is recognized by a nationwide public/private sector coalition devoted to preventing impaired driving crashes. According to a 2015 report by the Governors Highway Safety Association, 43% of motorists who died in car accidents tested positive for drugs in their system vs 37% of motorists who tested positive for alcohol. There are hundreds of different recreational and prescription drugs that all have different effects on a person, but all can be equally dangerous when someone gets behind the wheel.

Alongside Mental Health Systems (MHS) North Inland Community Prevention program and its Youth Advocacy Coalition, I urge all San Diego residents to "Put Drugged Driving on Your Radar," and refrain from driving a vehicle under the influence of alcohol and recreational or prescription drugs.

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## Community Calendar

### PQ Certified Farmers Market

Saturdays, Salmon River Road and Fairgrove Lane

<https://www.facebook.com/PQCertifiedFarmersMarket/>

### Rancho Bernardo Certified Farmers Market

Fridays, Bernardo Winery

<https://www.facebook.com/rbfarmersmarket/>

### December Nights

Dec 7-8, Balboa Park

<https://www.sandiego.gov/december-nights>

### Holiday Open House

Dec 8, Rancho Peñasquitos Library

<https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/placeholder-holiday-open-house>

### RB Friends Bag Sale

Dec 8, Rancho Bernardo Library

<https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/rb-friends-bag-sale-4>

### SRCA 36th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

Dec 9, Jerabek Park

<https://scrippsranch.org/newsletter/current-issue>

### RBBA Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting

Dec 11, US Bank Rancho Bernardo

<https://rbbaconnect.com/index.html>

### History Nature Hike

Dec 15, Park Village Road and Camino Del Sur

<http://penasquitos.org/pdf/events/2018/OctNovDecHikesV2.pdf>

### San Diego Half Marathon

Dec 15, Race starts in Rancho Peñasquitos

<https://www.sandiegoholidayhalf.com/>

### Holiday Nights

Dec 17-22, Bernardo Winery

<http://bernardowinery.com/>

## Get It Done San Diego

Get It Done San Diego is the official app for reporting non-emergency problems to the City of San Diego. You can report problems like potholes, graffiti or illegal dumping and connect directly to the City's work tracking system. Download the mobile app at

<https://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done>



## Proud to Represent District Five of San Diego

Black Mountain Ranch | Carmel Mountain Ranch | Miramar Ranch North | Rancho Bernardo  
Rancho Encantada | Rancho Peñasquitos | Sabre Springs | San Pasqual  
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