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Councilmember Lightner Celebrates the End of Brownouts at Fire Station 40

SAN DIEGO – Firefighters at Station 40 are hosting Councilmember Sherri Lightner for lunch today as thanks for her work in helping end brownouts.

Fire Station 40, which serves Rancho Peñasquitos and the surrounding areas, has had a fire engine out of operation for the past 17 months as part of previous budget cuts.

Lightner has been a vocal proponent of eliminating brownouts and worked with her City Council colleagues to find money in this year's budget to end them effective today. The original proposal was to phase out the brownouts over several months.

“You cannot put a price tag on public safety,” Lightner said. **“Our Fire-Rescue Department provides some of the City’s most important services. I will sleep a little easier knowing that Fire Station 40 and all of our fire stations around San Diego are once again whole.”**

Frank De Clercq, president of San Diego City Fire Fighters, Local 145, praised Lightner as a champion of the City’s firefighters.

“Sherri was instrumental in helping end brownouts. She understands the importance of a properly staffed Fire-Rescue Department in ensuring the public’s safety,” De Clercq said.

Lightner, along with her City Council colleagues, made tough, sensible cuts to balance the budget while bolstering public safety and maintaining key neighborhood services like library and rec center hours.

Sherri Lightner is the Councilmember for Council District One of the City of San Diego, which includes the communities of Black Mountain Ranch, Carmel Valley, Del Mar Mesa, La Jolla, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Rancho Peñasquitos, Torrey Hills, Torrey Highlands, Torrey Pines, and University City. She took office December 8, 2008.

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