



# COUNCILMEMBER SHERRI S. LIGHTNER

*CITY OF SAN DIEGO – COUNCIL DISTRICT 1*

## Press Release

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### **Lightner Rallies to Save La Jolla Post Office**

*Historic building slated to be closed and sold*

SAN DIEGO – Councilmember Sherri Lightner today joined the La Jolla Historical Society and concerned community members to protest the proposed closure and sale of La Jolla’s main post office.

The United States Postal Service recently announced plans to sell the historic post office located in the heart of La Jolla Village within the next three months. Councilmember Lightner said time is of the essence to save this treasured community asset.

“We need to work together to keep this Post Office open for generations to come. It is not only a civic hub but also an economic one that is critical to the area’s local businesses,” Lightner said. “For me, it is not a question of if we save the La Jolla Post Office, but how.”

Built in 1935, the Spanish-style building also contains “California Landscape,” an original 1939 Works Progress Administration (WPA) mural of the La Jolla Cove and Village painted by noted artist Belle Baranceanu.

The La Jolla Historical Society is working to have both the building and the mural receive an historic designation from the National Register of Historic Places.

“This is about more than just a post office, it is La Jolla’s original social networking site,” said Leslie Davis, chair of the Save the La Jolla Post Office Task Force.

“The healthiest downtowns across the United States have key city services in the middle of downtown, not on the fringes,” said Rosemary Murrieta, executive director of the La Jolla Village Merchants Association.

Currently, a petition campaign is underway and Lightner and the La Jolla Historical Society will be working with the Mayor’s office on the issue and plan to reach out to San Diego’s congressional delegation and Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) and Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.).

The top priority is to keep the post office open as-is, but community leaders are also exploring the possibility of a sale with the front of the building continuing to serve as a post office and the rest of the building being redeveloped.

*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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