

THE SPOTLight

News From Councilmember Sherri Lightner
City of San Diego, District One

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Working For You on Pothole Relief

The condition of our streets continues to worsen after years of deferred maintenance and the winter and spring storms.

Sherri is holding a pothole event in La Jolla and University City on Thursday, April 28 where multiple crews will be filling potholes on major streets, such as La Jolla Parkway, Torrey Pines Road, and La Jolla Village Drive.

Please let us know if you would like to nominate a particular street with multiple potholes for inclusion in this event by contacting our office.

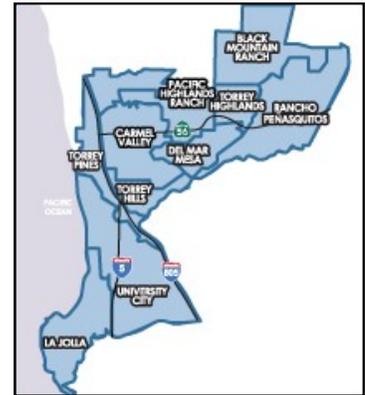
To report individual potholes, please call 619-527-7500 or visit



Sherri learned more on March 24th about the mobile computer systems used to survey and track the condition of the City's streets. District One was the first council district to have its streets completely surveyed. The information will be used to help prioritize future road repairs.

www.sandiego.gov/street-div and click on "Service Request". By notifying us immediately of potholes, you can help us address these problems more quickly.

Redistricting: Let Your Voice Be Heard



Council District 1 today.

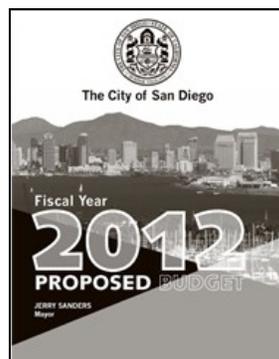
This is a pivotal time that will shape San Diego politics for years to come. Every ten years, city council district boundaries are redrawn based on the latest census data by a Redistricting Commission made up of San Diego citizens.

This year, the Redistricting Commission will also create a new Ninth Council District, which voters approved along with the Strong Mayor form of government in 2010. The Redistricting Commission is holding hearings to gather public input on future council district boundaries.

Residents of Council District One are strongly encouraged to attend the upcoming hearing on **Wednesday, May 11 at 6 p.m. at the La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Avenue**, to speak out and ensure our community's interests are respected with the drawing of the new district boundaries. For more information on redistricting, please visit www.sandiego.gov/redistricting.

Working Toward Solutions: San Diego's FY2012 Budget

Hearings for the Fiscal Year 2012 budget are fast approaching. The Mayor recently released his proposal, and Sherri will be working to reduce negative impacts to neighborhoods before the final budget is approved in June. Many of us value our rec centers and libraries dearly, and preserving their hours of operation is a priority, along with protecting public safety and restoring browned-out fire engines.



If you have ideas, suggestions, or comments on other alternatives for closing the City's budget gap, please let us know.

[Additional information about the budget is available on our website.](#)

Del Mar Fairgrounds Expansion Update

Sherri has been working for over a year to support neighborhoods that would be negatively impacted by the aggressive expansion of the Del Mar Fairgrounds proposed in their 2008 Master Plan. The expansion originally included projects such as a new condo-hotel, exhibition center, parking structure, and health club

facility adjacent to newly restored habitat in the San Dieguito River Park.

On April 18th, the Del Mar Fairgrounds Board held a special meeting to approve the Final Environmental Impact Report for the expansion. With Sherri's leadership and the help of the Carmel Valley Planning Board, the San Dieguito River Park Conservancy and Joint Powers

Authority, and other elected officials, the Board voted to remove the condo-hotel from the project and made additional concessions that lessen the burden on the surrounding area. Sherri will continue to work with all stakeholders involved in the Fairgrounds expansion process to push for additional considerations for neighborhood concerns.

Working for You in the Community



On April 2, 2011, Sherri helped break ground on two new tennis courts at the Rancho Peñasquitos Tennis Center at Canyonside Community Park. The Rancho Peñasquitos Tennis Association raised funds to build the courts and is donating them to the City.



Sherri declared April "Donate Life Month" in recognition of the continuous need for organ donors. [Learn more about how to Donate Life](#)

At a visit to University City's Fire Station 35 on March 25th, La Jolla Country Day School students learned about physics by experimenting with the best packaging for eggs dropped from the top of a fire truck ladder.



Sherri waited tables at the 2011 STAR/PAL Celebrity Waiter Luncheon on April 22nd. "Tips" were collected to help [STAR/PAL](#) teach kids to stay safe, in school, and away from crime and violence.



Sherri attended the [Indian Fine Arts Academy San Diego Festival](#) on April 16th, presenting a proclamation honoring them for promoting Indian classical music, dance, and arts.





On April 26th, Sherri presented representatives of I Love a Clean San Diego a proclamation declaring "Creek to Bay Cleanup Day" on April 30th (right). Volunteers are still needed for the Marian Bear Memorial Park cleanup site. Register at www.creektobay.org



On April 5th, Sherri spoke at the weekly meeting of the Torrey Pines (La Jolla) Rotary Club.



On April 7th, Sherri swore-in new trustees of the La Jolla Community Planning Association.

Chair's Report: Land Use & Housing Committee Update



On April 14th, Sherri swore-in new trustees of the La Jolla Town Council.

Thank you to all of our dedicated community group volunteers!



Sherri discussed land use and water policies with members of the National Association of Office and Industrial Properties on April 7th.

Since January, the Land Use & Housing Committee has completed a number of important actions. The Committee streamlined community gardens regulations, improved the process to expedite historical home designations, added affordable housing best practices and amendments to the City's Housing Impact Fee Ordinance, and approved the FY2012 Annual Plan for the Affordable Housing Fund.

At its next meeting on April 27th, the Committee will discuss the FY2012 Winter Homeless Shelter, and an update on the status of proposed amendments to the City's Abandoned Properties Ordinance.

Flower Hill Revitalization Moves Forward



On April 19th, City Council unanimously approved the expansion of the Flower Hill Promenade on Via De La Valle. The Flower Hill Promenade has had a long history in the North City area, dating back 35 years. This revitalization is a necessary step to update this promenade and bring it in character with the community's standards. This project has been heard by the Carmel

Valley Community Planning Board and its Regional Issue Subcommittee six times over the span of the past six years, and the community worked diligently with the developer to come up with a project that would fit the needs of the area. Flower Hill's renovation will bring revenue to the city, create jobs and provide long-awaited improvements to the shopping center.

2011 San Diego Science Festival

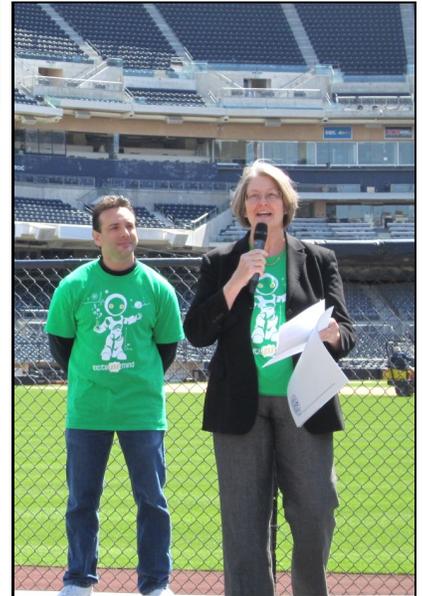
As part of her outreach to promote STEM education (Science, Technology, Education, and Math), Sherri participated in a wide range of activities as a part of this year's San Diego Science Festival (March 19th —26th).



On March 22nd, Sherri was joined by high-school biology students in declaring "San Diego Science Festival Week".



Sherri participated in a panel discussion on the future of STEM education on March 22nd.



Sherri welcomed visitors to San Diego Science Festival EXPO Day at Petco Park on March 26th.

Your Community Representatives

If you have a concern or question about an issue in your neighborhood, please contact our constituent services representative or your community representative. We're here to help!

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