

THE SPOTLight

News From Councilmember Sherri Lightner

City of San Diego, District One

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San Diego's Budget: Protecting Public Safety and Neighborhood Services

On June 6, the City Council passed a budget that improves public safety and maintains important neighborhood services.

With this budget, Sherri succeeded in her goals to:

- End fire engine brownouts effective July 1.
- Keep libraries and rec centers open at their current hours.
- Improve lifeguard staffing and training.
- Restore swim team, water polo and after-school programs.

The City Council could not have done it without the support of the community. You spoke loud and clear about how important these



A rally outside the University Community Library to maintain library hours.

issues were to you, attending Council meetings, holding rallies at local libraries and contacting Council offices. Sherri and the City Council heard you.

The City Council also made tough, sensible cuts and continues to tackle San Diego's long-term structural budget deficit.

For more information on the FY2012 budget, please visit Sherri's website.

Fighting Graffiti in Rancho Peñasquitos

Recently Rancho Peñasquitos has experienced an outbreak of graffiti.

To address residents' concerns and explain the best way to respond to graffiti, Sherri and representatives from the Police Department's Northeastern Division attended the Rancho Peñasquitos Town Council meeting on June 2.

One key tip was to call 911 if you catch someone in the act. If not, contact the Graffiti Control Pro-

gram either online at www.sandiego.gov/graffiti/sighting.shtml or by phone at (619) 525-8522.

It is important to notify the City before removing graffiti so it can be properly documented and to help catch the vandal.

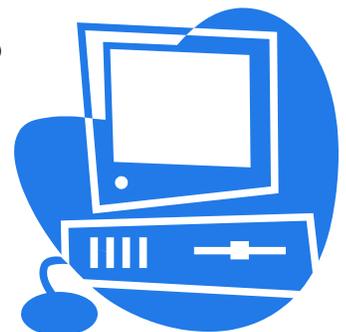
To find out more about graffiti and its removal, visit the City's website.

Innovation: Web-Friendly City Hall

The City is currently working to make its computer systems more efficient and user-friendly.

Sherri is taking a leadership role to ensure all of the City's services and information are just a mouse click away.

"There is no reason anyone should have to make a special trip to a City office just to fill out a form or read a report," Sherri said.



Future innovations include:

- **Online self-service:** A one-stop shop where residents could log in to fill out forms, make payments and report neighborhood issues.
- **Online conferencing:** Web-based customer service representatives could answer questions quickly and easily, reducing wait times on the phone and visits to City Hall.

If you have ideas about what type of innovations you would like to see, please email Sherri at sherrilightner@sandiego.gov or call her office at (619) 236-6611.

La Jolla Fireworks Update

The La Jolla Fourth of July Fireworks show will go on.

A judge put a stay on a previous ruling that had called into question whether Fourth of July fireworks in La Jolla and throughout San Diego would happen.

While Sherri is pleased that this year's fireworks show is safe, the issue is far from over.

The case will be back in court on August 31. At issue is whether the City has the proper permitting process to handle fireworks displays and other special events in the City's parks.

Sherri will continue working with the community and City staff to make sure that La Jolla's fireworks tradition continues uninterrupted.



Sherri attended a recent Neighborhood Watch meeting in Pacific Highlands Ranch to listen to community concerns. If you would like help organizing a Neighborhood Watch group in your community, call Sherri's office at (619) 236-6611.

Working for You in the Community

Sherri has been working on a number of projects that affect your everyday lives. Here are a few highlights:

Peñasquitos Boulevard is now safer. Sherri, working with community and the Rancho Peñasquitos Planning Board, was able to get V-Calm signs installed on both sides of this busy street. These V-Calm signs show drivers if they are speeding and remind them to slow down.

The storm water drain under the Carmel Mountain Road on-ramp to I-5, which was damaged in the 2010 Winter Storms, is set to be fixed. The City Council recently approved the project and work should be completed by this fall.

In other V-Calm news, Sherri recently announced that she had saved enough money from her Council budget to place two V-Calm signs along Torrey Pines Road. One sign will be placed on the north side of the road heading into the Village near St. Louis Terrace. The other sign will be on the south side near Amalfi Street. The signs should be up within the next few months and will encour-

age people to slow down along this stretch of road.



Slow down — the speed limit on Peñasquitos Boulevard is 35 m.p.h. Now there are V-Calm signs to remind drivers to ease off the gas pedal.



Sherri helped open the La Jolla Festival of the Arts on June 18. The event, which celebrated its 25-year anniversary, attracts artists from around the globe. It also raises money to help the Torrey Pines Kiwanis Club fund recreational programs for San Diegans with disabilities, including veterans.



Sherri attended the 1st Annual Cop Hop on June 25. The event celebrated the San Diego Police Department's history and raised money for the San Diego Police Foundation and The San Diego Police Historical Association.



Sherri spoke to local students on June 4 about the challenges facing San Diego and how they can get involved at the 11th Annual City of San Diego High School Youth Forum.



Sherri attended the Rancho Peñasquitos Flag Day Celebration on June 12. She helped recognize two of the community's most tireless volunteers: Julie Adams, for her work to help end brownouts, and Dr. Mike Fillat, who has invested his time and energy to help better Sundance Elementary.



Sherri enjoyed the NE-PQ Action Group's Fifth Annual Picnic at Rolling Hills Park on June 4.

Update: Torrey Pines Corridor Project



Sherri declared June 30 "Dianne Z. Brittingham Day" in the City of San Diego. Brittingham, the longtime director of the La Jolla Rec Center, was recognized for her more than 35 years in the City's Parks and Rec Department.



Planning for the Future: Mass Transit

On June 24, the La Jolla Traffic and Transportation Board approved a plan that will help get the Torrey Pines Corridor project moving forward.

The Board recommended starting design work on the section of road that runs from La Jolla Shores Drive to Little Street.

The next step in getting started on this important project is the La Jolla Community Planning Association, which will discuss the matter at its next meeting on **Thursday, July 7 at 6 p.m.** at the **La Jolla Rec Center**.

For more information about the Torrey Pines Corridor Project, please visit <http://www.sandiego.gov/engineering-cip/projectsprograms/torreypines.shtml>.

Under Sherri's leadership, the City Council recently passed a resolution that makes building mass transit a priority.

The resolution was in response to a request from the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) for input on its 2050 Regional Transportation Plan, which is the roadmap for San Diego County's future transit needs.

Sherri is a strong supporter of smart growth principles. She wants to make sure that mass transit is both practical and safe by being located next to planned high-density and affordable housing developments.

Because the City of San Diego will absorb the bulk of the County's projected population growth, Sherri also wants to ensure that the City gets its fair share of transportation dollars as well as the right type of transit projects.

That is why she favors prioritizing mass transit over highway expansion.

"We cannot just keep adding more and more freeway lanes. We must start planning for the future with a greater emphasis on mass transit," Sherri said. "It is not only good for the environment but also for our economy and our quality of life."

Sherri Welcomes the Community to City Hall



Sherri welcomed two Boy Scout Troops to her office in June. Troop 11 from University City visited on June 14 (left), and Troop 765 from Carmel Valley dropped by on June 20 (right). Sherri enjoys hosting youth groups at her office. If you are interested in bringing your group to meet Sherri and see how San Diego City Hall works, please call Sherri's office at (619) 236-6611 or email Maureen Kantner at mkantner@sandiego.gov.



Friendly reminder about recycling: Starting July 1, you will now be able to recycle hard plastics. That means things like clean food waste containers, jugs, tubs, trays, pots, buckets and toys can now go in your blue bin.

For more information about what is recyclable, please visit the City's Environmental Services [website](#).

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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