

# THE SPOTLight

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

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## Representing the communities of:

- Black Mountain Ranch
- Carmel Valley
- Del Mar Mesa
- La Jolla
- Pacific Highlands Ranch
- Rancho Peñasquitos
- Torrey Highlands
- Torrey Hills
- Torrey Pines
- University City

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## Connecting to Careers Training Fair a Success

More than 300 people attended the Connecting to Careers Training Fair on Aug. 25, gaining valuable information about San Diego's job market as well as expert career advice.

Sherri hosted the free event along with the San Diego Workforce Partnership and the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation to help spotlight the importance of workforce development.

The event was sponsored by AT&T, Scripps Health, Westfield, Ace Parking and Car2Go and featured exhibitors from some of San Diego's most well-known companies, staffing agencies, educational institutions and training providers.

Scott Silverman, a local leader in workforce development, gave an inspiring speech to kick off the day, and career counselors were busy for the entire event helping review résumés and provide advice to students, veterans and other job seekers.

Attendees also took advantage of informative workshops on San Diego's Most Wanted Job Skills; How to Launch a New Career; and Job Hunting 101.

The event is part of Sherri's larger Connecting to Careers initiative, which aims to improve San Diego's workforce development by ensuring that education and training programs more effectively match up with actual job demand.



Career counselors were busy helping attendees improve their résumés.

"It was an honor to host this event. It not only helps keep the conversation going about San Diego's workforce development needs but it also helped real people looking for work," Sherri said. "I cannot thank all the volunteers enough— from the résumé reviewers to the exhibitors to our expert panelists— for making this possible."

To learn more, visit the [Connecting to Careers Facebook page](#).

## Bill to Protect San Diego's Canyonlands Moves Forward

Governor Brown has signed a bill to help San Diego protect and preserve thousands of acres of city-owned open space.

Senate Bill 1169, which Sen. Christine Kehoe sponsored, allows San Diego to protect from future development its canyons, hillsides, and other open spaces owned by the city, preserving them for the future.

Sherri has been an outspoken advocate for the passage of SB1169 and successfully pushed for it to be a legislative priority for our city. District 1 is home to more than one-third of all the open space land in San Diego affected by the bill.

"This initiative preserves precious natural open spaces in neighborhoods throughout the city, which ensures everyone

can continue to experience nature in their own backyard," Sherri said.

SB 1169 also saves the City of San Diego and its taxpayers as much as \$2 million because it removes the need for costly processing fees for up to 10,000 acres of open space.

"This is good for the environment and our communities," Sherri said.

## Update: La Jolla Post Office



*Sherri showing her support for the historic La Jolla Post Office at the Aug. 17 rally.*

The Save the La Jolla Post Office Task Force has been hard at work to help gain support for proposed Congressional legislation that would give local community organizations a chance to purchase post offices slated for relocation or closure at fair market value prior to them being listed for sale on the open market.

Congresswoman Susan Davis has drafted the bill, dubbed the "Community Post Office Relocation Act," and it has bipartisan support from Congressman

Brian Bilbray and Congressman Bob Filner.

In support of this legislation, the Task Force held a rally on Aug. 17 to celebrate national "Send a Handwritten Letter" day. People were encouraged to send a letter to Congressman Darrell Issa to urge him to support the draft legislation.

Sherri was on hand at the rally to lend her support for the legislation and for preserving this historic community asset.

"The whole key to saving the La Jolla Post Office has always been to create a win-win for everyone involved," said Sherri. "Passing this bill would allow the community to preserve the historic post office while providing the U.S. Postal Service with the funds and flexibility to run its operations efficiently."

For more information about the community's efforts to save the historic Wall Street post office, visit the Save the La Jolla Post Office Task Force's [website](#).

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## Free Rides to High Holiday Services for Seniors

Jewish Family Service is offering free rides for seniors for the High Holy Days Services (Rosh Hashanah Sept. 16 –18 and Yom Kippur Sept. 25-26) through its "On the Go" transportation service.

Participating synagogues include:

- Tifereth Israel Synagogue
- Temple Emanu El
- Congregation Beth El
- Congregation Beth Israel
- Congregation Dor Hadash
- Temple Adat Shalom
- Ner Tamid Synagogue
- Congregation Beth Am
- Ohr Shalom Synagogue

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To find out more about reserving a ride or volunteering to help, call (619) 220-0268 or visit Jewish Family Service's [website](#).

## New Elementary School on the way in Pacific Highlands Ranch



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A new and much-needed elementary school is on the way for the families of Pacific Highlands Ranch.

The building of this school, which will house K-6 classes, would not have been possible without Prop. C, which Sherri and the community worked hard to pass in 2010.

Prior to Prop. C's passage, the Solana Beach School District wasn't sure it could build a school in this neighborhood.

Working with the community, Sherri championed Prop. C, which made it easier to build the parks, schools and other community amenities promised to people who had moved to Pacific Highlands Ranch.

Soon the hundreds of families with young children living in this neighborhood will have an elementary school within walking distance of their home.

The school is in the design phase and is scheduled to open in September 2014.

The Solana Beach School District, which serves the Pacific Highlands Ranch community, is currently conducting a school-naming contest. Entries will be accepted through September 18, 2012 at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RJ8GMK8>

## Sherri Around Town in August



Sherri helped scoop ice cream on Aug. 4 at the 31st annual Banana Split in Standley Park in University City. Thanks to the Heimberger Family for their continued support of this great community event.

Sherri enjoyed attending the Standley Concert in the Park on Aug. 5 and presenting Barry Bernstein, president of the University City Community Association, with a commendation recognizing his service.



Sherri had a great time at the annual Bird Rock Community Council Picnic on Aug. 29.

Sherri made the media rounds to talk about the Connecting to Careers Training Fair along with Mark Cafferty, CEO of the San Diego Economic Development Corporation.



## Rose Canyon Vandals Stopped

After being notified by a constituent, Sherri worked with San Diego Park Rangers and the San Diego Police Department to catch vandals who were building an illegal BMX bike course in Rose Canyon Open Space Park.

The damage occurred in the west end of the park near the Bloch Street entrance. The peo-

ple involved appeared to have been dragging different tools throughout the area to create the course, causing unsightly trails throughout the area.

The plan is to now prosecute those responsible so that they can pay for restoration of the area.

Sherri knows that Rose Canyon is one of District 1's most cherished natural resources.

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## Local Business Spotlight: Tender Greens

Every month Sherri likes to highlight a new or unique business in District 1.

Here's this month's selection:

**Who:** Tender Greens

**Where:** 4545 La Jolla Village Drive (on the main plaza next to the clock tower at Westfield UTC Mall)

**What you'll find:** Don't mistake Tender Greens casual environment for a lack of seriousness when it comes to farm-to-table dining. This growing Southern California restaurant chain is all about providing diners with a connection to local food sources. Much of its produce comes from local farms and its

bread comes from local artisan bread makers. Its desserts are made daily.

**The upside:** Not only does Tender Greens use produce from such local farms as Point Loma Farms, the new restaurant also employs about 45 workers. This is the second Tender Greens location in San Diego.



*Tender Greens, a Southern California farm-to-table restaurant chain, recently opened its second San Diego location at the UTC Mall.*

## Working for You in the Community



Need assistance in getting a pothole fixed? Call Sherri's office at (619) 236-6611. We are here to help.

Helping constituents get potholes filled, streetlights fixed and other neighborhood repairs completed is one of Sherri's top priorities. Here is a sampling of projects her office worked on this past month:

### Potholes

- Asphalt repairs on Sea Lane
- Asphalt repairs at Draper Avenue and Pearl Street

### Cleanups and Repair

- Palm tree trimmed at 7856 Girard Ave.

- Weeds sprayed on Governor Drive between Regents Road and Stadium Street
- Water leak repaired at Palomar Avenue and Tyrian Street
- Crosswalk repainted at Nobel Drive and Lebon Drive
- Mattress removed from Via Casa Alta, west of La Jolla Scenic Drive South

### Streetlights and Traffic Signals

- Traffic signal repaired at Roselle Street and Sorrento Valley Road



After being alerted to the problem by Sherri's staff, city workers promptly made asphalt repairs in front of this home on Pavlov Avenue in University City.

Sherri is on the Web at

[sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd1/](http://sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd1/)

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### Your Community Representatives

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

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