

# THE SPOTLight

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

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Representing the communities of:

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



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## City Council Approves FY14 Budget

On June 10, the City Council approved the Fiscal Year 2014 budget.

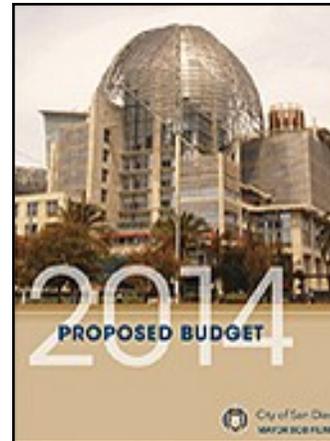
The Council was able to add funding to increase the number of hours of operation at the city's branch libraries from 44 to 48 hours per week and to increase the number of recruits in each police academy from 34 to 36.

The budget also includes funding for more lifeguard staffing, tree trimming, new computers at branch libraries and arts and culture programs.

One of the most important elements of the approved budget is that it will include an estimated \$25 million in savings this fiscal year from five-year contracts with each of the city's labor unions.

Sherri had long advocated for a five-year labor deal as a way to generate savings for the city while also providing city employees with a greater degree of certainty and stability.

Without the continuing sacrifices of our hardworking city employees, the Council would



not have been able to restore so many services our residents want and need.

## La Jolla Cove Cleanup Begins

On June 17, contractors hired by the city began the long-awaited cleanup of the bird waste on the bluffs at La Jolla Cove.

Over the past several months, the city consulted with state and federal agencies to develop a plan to address the odor issues that would avoid any runoff into the ocean and would not disturb the bluffs or the birds and sea lions in the area.

Under the supervision of a biologist, an environmentally-friendly microbial foam solution that will feed on the bird

waste is being applied to the tops of the bluffs.

The first round of work will continue through June 28. Work will resume in late July or early August once the bird nesting period ends. At that point, areas that may not be accessible as part of the first round of work should be reachable.

The city is optimistic that this treatment will noticeably decrease the bird waste odor and provide the relief our businesses, residents and tourists have been seeking.



After the city evaluates the effectiveness of this cleanup, Sherri will work with the Mayor's office and city staff on a long-term plan to keep the odor under control in the future.

## Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Update



*City crews have been hard at work reopening the blocked opening to the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon from the ocean.*

On May 13, the State performed an emergency breach at the mouth of the inlet of the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon.

Due to unusually high levels of sand this year, the mouth of the lagoon quickly became blocked again. In response, city crews began work on June 12 to reopen the lagoon.

The city is providing assistance to State Parks and the Los

Peñasquitos Lagoon Foundation to maintain the lagoon inlet because state funding for annual inlet maintenance was not available this year.

The city will also be able to perform maintenance on the lagoon next spring.

Meanwhile, the County of San Diego Vector Control Program sent a team of technicians to treat the lagoon with larvicides

in early June, so mosquito relief is on the way.

Anyone interested in the long-term sustainability of the lagoon is invited to attend workshops being co-hosted by the Torrey Pines Association and the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon Foundation. For more information, please visit: <http://torreypines.org/index.php/news-and-events/tpa-symposium>.

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## Lifeguards Move in to New La Jolla Shores Lifeguard Station

In late May, lifeguards moved into their new state-of-the-art lifeguard station at La Jolla Shores.

This station was many years in the making, including an extensive community input process.

The design features a unique observation tower that cantilevers over the boardwalk below and provides maximum visibility for the lifeguards.

The station also includes a large mid-level observation platform, a ground floor locker room, first aid station, kitchen and work space for the lifeguards.

Asbestos removal and demolition of the old lifeguard tower should be finished shortly. All storage units, fencing and other temporary structures will



be removed as soon as the demolition is finished.

## Storm Drain Project Completed on Torrey Pines Road



*New pavement and bike lane on Torrey Pines Rd.*

Work was recently completed on new storm drain diversions along Torrey Pines Road near Princess Street, Amalfi Street and Coast Walk.

The project was funded through a state grant and will help prevent ocean pollution by diverting dry weather storm water

runoff to the sewer system instead of allowing it to enter the ocean in the protected Area of Special Biological Significance off La Jolla Cove and La Jolla Shores.

After the project was completed, the city resurfaced the section of Torrey Pines Road

from Princess Street to Coast Walk.

As part of the project, the city was able to improve the bike lanes and reconfigure the travel lanes to help improve traffic safety along this busy stretch of road.

## Sherri Around Town



*Sherri, joined by two-time Super Bowl winner Rod Martin (left) and Chargers Defensive End Kendall Reyes (right), participated as a celebrity waiter at the 13th Annual Star Pal Celebrity Waiter Luncheon on May 17.*



*On June 6, Sherri, along with Council colleague Scott Sherman, helped celebrate the ground-breaking of the Carlsbad Desalination Project.*



*In recognition of their victory at the 2013 FIRST Robotics Championship, Sherri and Councilmember Kevin Faulconer proclaimed June 18 to be "The Holy Cows Day" in the City of San Diego.*

## V-calm Speed Signs in University City

In May, the city installed two new electronic speed indicator signs, known as v-calms, along Governor Drive between Erlanger Street and Cozzens Street. The signs encourage speeding drivers to slow down.

The signs were purchased using savings from Sherri's office budget following complaints from neighbors regarding speeding in that area.

Sherri also recently used \$16,000 in office budget savings to purchase two v-calm signs for Lipmann Street in response to complaints about speeding on that street.

One sign will be installed in each direction between Governor Drive and Cather Street once the city identifies the exact locations.



*"V-calm signs are effective traffic calming devices for residential neighborhoods."*

## Local Business Spotlight: Tucci Boutique

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

Here's this month's selection.

**Who:** Tucci Boutique

**Where:** Del Mar Highlands Town Center, 12925 El Camino Real, San Diego, 92130. The store is located between Urban

Plates and Dry Bar.

**What you'll find:** Unique women's clothing, jewelry and accessories, including many brands that can't be found anywhere else in San Diego County.

**The upside:** Tucci is owned by San Diego native Jessica Agatucci, who opened her first location in the Cedros Design District

in Solana Beach eight years ago. With the new boutique, Agatucci is able to expand her presence in San Diego County and offer a variety of beautiful women's clothing to a new community.

**For more information:**  
<http://www.tucciboutique.com>

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## 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

- Potholes patched on La Jolla Parkway
- Pothole patched at Regents Road and Berino Court intersection

- Potholes patched at Sorrento Valley Road and Carmel Mountain Road intersection

### Cleanups and Repair

- Cleaned up weeds on Ardath Road
- Cleaned up overgrown brush on Cargill Avenue near Doyle Park. Plans are now underway to plant native vegetation in its place.

### Streetlights and Traffic Signals

- Replaced broken panels on street lamp post on Cypress Glen Place
- Repainted stop signs and yield signs on Beaumont Avenue, Waverly Avenue, Bellevue Avenue, La Cañada Street and Camino De La Costa

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, Laena Shakarian, or your community representative. We're here to help!

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