



# 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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## Councilmembers Travel to Washington D.C.

Councilmembers Emerald, Cole and I traveled to Washington, D.C. in April for a whirlwind business trip with San Diego legislators and industry professionals to advocate for more federal resources for our city.

On Thursday, April 30, we discussed economic development with the Director of State and Local Finance. We learned more about Qualified Public Infrastructure Bonds, and ways Public-Private Partnerships can help bridge an infrastructure funding gap. For example, Move America could provide more flexible tax-

exempt financing for public-private partnerships. Afterward, we discussed International Trade at the Department of Commerce, focusing on trade and export policies that will benefit San Diego.

I was especially keen to talk about cyber-security with the Cybersecurity Industry Group. We discussed how San Diego can become the leader in this field, including assisting in the development of industry-led standards to reduce risks to critical infrastructure.

We also met with San Diego Congress members Scott Peters, Susan Davis and Juan Vargas to discuss water pol-

icy, public safety, education and infrastructure.

We were honored to attend the National Geographic "World's Smart Cities San Diego" premiere at the National Geographic Museum and were presented with an algae surfboard created in conjunction with UCSD.

On Friday, we met with the US Interagency Council on Homelessness. The trip concluded with a tour of 18F at the General Services Administration, which builds digital services focused on the interaction between government, people and businesses it serves.

## One Paseo Returns to Council Due to Referendum

The City Clerk has certified the referendary petition to overturn the Council approval of the One Paseo project in Carmel Valley. On Monday, May 18th, the City Council will decide whether to rescind the previous approval of the project or send it to a citywide vote.

I believe that if One Paseo is allowed to stand, it paves the way for massive overdevelopment in San Diego and the destruction of community planning in our city.

I hope my Council colleagues will consider rescinding their approval of this project and send the developers back to work with the community to create a project that minimizes traffic and visual impacts.

As I have previously stated, the community wants an appropriate project at this site and is willing to work with the developer. Therefore, I do not feel that the City should spend the time or taxpayer money sending a com-

munity-specific initiative to the ballot when a solution can be found on the community level.

The hearing for One Paseo will be on Monday, May 18 at 1:00 p.m. in Golden Hall (adjacent to the City Administration Building) at the Civic Concourse, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101. The hearing will be broadcast live on CityTV. For information go to [www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/councilcomm/](http://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/councilcomm/).

## Charter Committee Updates and Upcoming Agenda Items



*The City of San Diego celebrated Charter Day on Tuesday April 7th.*

The May 14<sup>th</sup> Charter Review Committee topics included the 2/3 voter approval requirements for the issuance of bonds, and whether it should vary depending on the type of bond issued. The Committee discussed that the Charter sets aside money received from utility franchise fees for debt service on open space bonds, but there have not been any open space bonds for several years, and none are anticipated. The item was referred to the Envi-

ronment Committee to recommend other uses for the money.

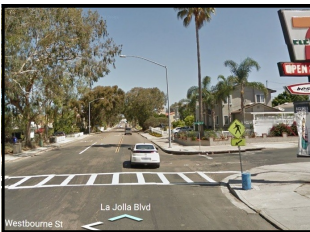
The Committee also addressed outmoded forms of City payment, and if the Charter can be changed to permit electronic payments.

The next Charter Review Committee meeting is Thursday, June 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the Committee Room. The meeting is in the evening so people do not have to leave work or school to share their

Charter suggestions with their representatives. During the July 2 meeting at 2:00 p.m., the Committee will consider Articles VIII and IX dealing with Civil Service and Retirement.

You can watch the full [Charter Review Committee meetings](#) on City TV 24. You can read the [Charter Committee documents](#) and see the [meeting schedule](#) on the City Website. Send comments to [charterreview@sandiego.gov](mailto:charterreview@sandiego.gov) or call (619) 236-6611.

## Rapid Flashing Beacons will be Installed at Windansea Crosswalk



*Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons will be installed at the intersection of Westbourne St. and La Jolla Blvd.*

Last fall, our office received correspondence detailing safety concerns with the crosswalk at Westbourne St. and La Jolla Blvd. in the Windansea neighborhood, which is an area with a lot of pedestrian traffic to the beach.

We requested that the Transportation Engineering Division evaluate this intersection for safety improve-

ments.

The La Jolla Traffic and Transportation Committee also helped to raise community awareness and support for an improved crosswalk.

The Transportation Engineering Department determined that due to safety concerns, the crosswalk was eligible for the installation of Rectangular

Rapid Flashing Beacons.

There is a lack of available department funding for these types of projects, so my office will fund the improvements through our budget. The new beacons will be installed in the coming months and help improve pedestrian safety in the area.

## Council District One Benefits from the FY16 Proposed Budget



*A FAST response squad, with a 2 person crew, dubbed a "mini fire engine" is proposed for South University City.*

During the first week of May, the City Council reviewed the Mayor's FY16 Proposed Budget. Council District One will benefit from several items where funding has been either reallocated, continued or newly provided.

Highlights include:

- A Fire-Rescue FAST Response Squad is proposed for South University City

- Replacement of the Comfort Station at Scripps Park at La Jolla Cove
- Coast Boulevard Walkway Improvements
- North Torrey Pines Golf Course Improvements
- Development of Del Mar Mesa Neighborhood Park
- Doyle Community Park ADA Upgrades

Our office is still advocating

for an additional Lifeguard at Windansea and another Shoreline Parks Ranger to patrol our beaches.

We would also like to see increased recreation center hours and more funding for library materials, among other items. I hope to see some of those additional priorities included in the Mayor's Revised Budget that will be released next week.



## Sherri Around Town



Left to right, from top: **1.** Sherri proclaimed April 11-19 to be California Native Plant Week. Home landscaping and gardening with native plants can cut residential water use 60 to 90% over conventional gardening. **2.** Sherri and Councilmembers Marti Emerald and Myrtle Cole took a tour of the White House during their trip to Washington D.C. **3.** Sherri met with Jackie Kazel, Innovation Specialist, and Jeff Johnson from Code for America San Diego at 18f, the Federal Innovation Lab. **4.** Sherri attended and spoke at the Washington, D.C. premiere of National Geographic's "Smart Cities, San Diego." San Diego was the only city in North America to earn the title, and one of only 6 cities in the world. **5.** Sherri, the Mayor and Council celebrated Water Awareness Week, which included announcing the winners of the "Waste No Water" Poster Contest, an excellent way to get children engaged and educated about water conservation and protecting our most valuable resource.

### Local Business: La Jolla Shores Businesses

Sherri likes to regularly highlight a new or unique business in Council District One.

**This month's selection:**

**What:** La Jolla Shores Businesses

**Where:** Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla, San Diego, 92037

**What you'll find:** Over 150 businesses can be found in the La Jolla Shores area, and they want you to know that they are open! The City is currently replacing water and

sewer mains in the area, but all shops, restaurants and services are open for business. Construction will cease during the summer moratorium, re-opening access to streets and parking for the busy summer months.

**For information:** Visit the La Jolla Shores Business Association online at [enjoylajollashores.com](http://enjoylajollashores.com), call (858) 869-1096 or email at [enjoylajollashores@gmail.com](mailto:enjoylajollashores@gmail.com).



Businesses along Ave de la Playa include restaurants (both casual and fine dining), kayak and bike rentals, surf shops (many offer lessons), hotels and various retail stores and professional services, including financial, medical and legal.

# Working Hard for You and Your District One Neighbors

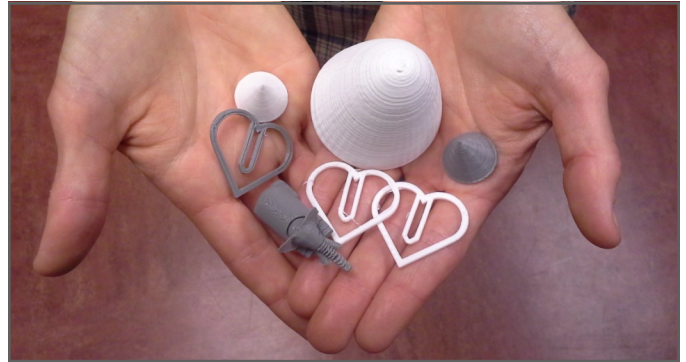
## Carmel Mountain Road Complete

Del Vino Court at Carmel Mountain Road has opened ahead of schedule in response to the community's request. Due to construction in Alta Vista, the road was originally closed but is now opened. Alta Vista will continue to be built-out until late 2016-2017, and it is anticipated that construction vehicles will continue to use Carmel Country Road and Carmel Mountain Road.



## 3D Printer at La Jolla Library

The La Jolla/Riford Library now has its own "maker space," complete with two Makerbot 3D printers and a very basic bio-tech lab. The library is hosting workshops for interested users (to date, all workshops have been filled). The space is currently open Friday mornings with expanded hours coming soon. Please call the Library at (858) 552-1657 for more information.



Sherri is on the Web at

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

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### Important City Department Contact Numbers

Need help with an issue in your neighborhood? Here are some important City numbers you can call, or please don't hesitate to contact Sherri's office for assistance.

<b>Emergency (Police, Fire, Medical)</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Non-Emergency Police (Minor crime report)</b>	<b>619-531-2000</b>
<b>Graffiti Removal</b>	<b>619-525-8522</b>
<b>Pothole Repair</b>	<b>619-527-7500</b>
<b>Street Lights</b>	<b>619-527-7500</b>
<b>Illegal Dumping</b>	<b>858-694-7000</b>
<b>Missed Trash Pick Up</b>	<b>858-694-7000</b>
<b>Neighborhood Code Compliance</b>	<b>619-236-5500</b>
<b>Building Permit Information</b>	<b>619-446-5000</b>
<b>Lifeguard Information</b>	<b>619-221-8899</b>
<b>Traffic Division</b>	<b>619-495-7800</b>
<b>Dead Animal Pick-Up/Animal Control</b>	<b>619-767-2675</b>
<b>Abandoned Vehicle</b>	<b>619-531-2000</b>
<b>Think Blue/Storm Water Hotline</b>	<b>619-235-1000</b>
<b>Public Utilities Department Leak Line</b>	<b>619-515-3525</b>