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Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Approved Unanimously

On June 8th, the City Council unanimously approved the FY16 Budget. Many staff worked tirelessly during budget season to prepare and review the proposed budget and provide their recommendations.

This is truly the best budget we have seen in years. The budget restores funding for public safety and neighborhood services that were cut in previous years, and also funds additional infrastructure.

We are not only fully funding our reserves, but also setting aside an additional

\$15 million for any unanticipated needs.

In the final budget, I was especially pleased to support increased funding for public safety, including three more Lifeguards for Windansea Beach and Pacific Beach.

Meanwhile, three additional Park Rangers will provide invaluable support to our police and lifeguards in addressing quality of life issues at our parks and along our shoreline.

The additional funding for the Penny for the Arts will benefit community events and programs throughout the city.

I'm also especially pleased to be able to increase funding to our libraries to add three additional hours on Saturdays at 23 branch libraries across the city, including the University Community Library. This will give residents citywide additional weekend access to their neighborhood library.

For the tenth straight year, the City's pension obligations are fully funded. Strong fiscal discipline is essential to maintaining a sound pension plan, and the City's commitment in this area is particularly noteworthy.

Drought Update: State Water Reduction Mandate

On June 1, San Diego began an aggressive program to cut water use by 16 percent to meet state-mandated water reduction goals. We all need to work together to be successful. You are encouraged to become familiar with our water-use restrictions and take the time to learn more about ways to conserve water.

Below are the key points of the program:

- The City urges all water customers to reduce landscape irrigation to two days a week, for five min-

utes each, with no watering for 48 hours after a rain.

- No hosing down hard surfaces such as sidewalks, parking lots and patios except to avoid safety or sanitation hazards.
- Enforcement of these restrictions by the City can result in fines of up to \$1,000.
- Rebates for turf removal, rain barrels and micro-irrigation will be available through the City beginning July 1. Other rebates are now available from the Metropolitan Water District

of Southern California.

- In city parks, hundreds of sprinkler heads were replaced with water-efficient nozzles, irrigation was stopped at dog parks, and more drought-tolerant landscaping is being planted.
- Toilets are being replaced with water-efficient models, and self-closing drinking fountains and sinks have been installed in City facilities.

More information is available at WasteNoWater.org.

Charter Committee Updates and Upcoming Agenda Items



The City's original Charter is on display as part of the City's collection.

The Committee met at 6:00 p.m. on June 11th and listened to the dozens of speakers who proposed improvements to our governing document.

Suggestions to prohibit regressive taxes and allow schools to operate in Balboa Park did not receive Committee support.

A proposal to model the City's Citizens' Review Board on Police Practices after the County Law Enforcement Review Board was unanimously

referred to the Public Safety & Livable Neighborhoods Committee for further study and recommendation.

The next Charter Review Committee meeting is Thursday, July 2 at 9:00 a.m. in the 12th floor Committee Room at the City Administration Building. The Committee will consider the Permanent Rules of Council found in Chapter 2 of the Municipal Code, Charter Article VIII – Civil Service and some Article V – Executive and Administrative Service

sections that were trailed from the May meeting.

The August 6 agenda will include Charter Articles IX – Retirement and XIV – Miscellaneous as well more Permanent Rules of Council discussion.

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

City Looks for New Uses for the Former Central Library



The former downtown San Diego library is a historically designated building with multiple potential uses.

The City and Civic San Diego are looking for ideas on how to repurpose and activate the vacant former downtown library, which is centrally located at 820 E Street, near the trolley and the booming Gaslamp and East Village neighborhoods. Civic recently issued a Request for Ideas (RFI) for the space. Civic and the City of San

Diego are looking for creative and collaborative ways to revitalize and jumpstart the space, which has been sitting vacant for the past two years. Potential partnerships could include ideas from community groups, academic institutions, private entrepreneurs, and other stakeholders.

The Library is a five-story, approximately 75,000 square-

foot historically-designated building located in downtown San Diego.

The deadline to submit proposal ideas is **June 25, 2015**. For information see CivicSD's website at www.civicsd.com. For questions, please contact Eli Sanchez, Project Manager, at (619) 533-7121 or sanchez@civicsd.com

Surfrider Launches Ocean Friendly Restaurant Campaign



Surfrider offers free promotions to restaurants that join the Ocean Friendly Restaurant Campaign

The Surfrider Foundation's San Diego Chapter has launched the Ocean Friendly Restaurants (OFR) campaign, which aims to reduce beach pollution by working with local restaurants to voluntarily reduce the use of plastic food service items, including Styrofoam containers, plastic bags and disposable cups and utensils.

Several District One restaurants have already joined the cause, including Snooze A.M.

Eatery in Del Mar Heights and Burger Lounge in La Jolla.

Restaurants that adopt ocean-friendly requirements are eligible for significant marketing and promotional support from Surfrider. Surfrider's Rise Above Plastics Committee will support restaurants that take it upon themselves to be ocean friendly. By engaging the restaurant community, they

hope to significantly reduce disposable waste in our ocean and on our beaches. Criteria to be designated as an Ocean Friendly Restaurant include: 1. No polystyrene foam (Styrofoam) is used, 2. Only reusable tableware is used onsite, and 3. Proper recycling practices are followed.

To join and for more information, go to surfriderSD.org/OFR or call (858) 622-9661.

Sherri Around Town



Left to right, from top: **1.** Sherri proclaimed May 11th—17th to be Public Works Week in the City of San Diego, and to acknowledge multiple awards won by staff for city projects. The Mayor and Council were joined by over 50 city staffers to celebrate. **2.** Sherri gave the oath and welcome address to induct the first High School Chapter of the Society of Women Engineers. **3.** Sherri visited TNT radio, San Diego's only Vietnamese radio station, to discuss her priorities as Council President and the importance of community and culture. **4.** The Student Council from La Jolla Elementary visited Council Chambers to learn about local government and how it functions. **5.** Sherri attended the HACK-a thon, a computer security competition that encourages web developers, programmers, cyber experts, and entrepreneurs to collaborate in a 24-hour period to create usable software for the City of San Diego.

Local Business: Alfonso's of La Jolla

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

This month's selection:

What: Alfonso's of La Jolla

Where: 1251 Prospect St., La Jolla

What you'll find: Traditional Mexican fare and amazing margaritas.

Information: After 25 years in La Jolla, the iconic Alfonso's will be closing its doors this October.

Alfonso's has long been the "go-

to" place for authentic Mexican food and stellar margaritas. Locals and celebrities have long dined there, including Bill Gates and actors Raquel Welch and David Arquette, along with sports luminaries Sugar Ray Leonard, Pete Rose and Tiger Woods.

Make sure to stop by this summer to bid farewell to a La Jolla icon.

Contact: (858) 454-2232 or <http://alfonosoflajolla.com>



Savor an appetizer and a margarita while enjoying the ocean breeze, or bring the family and try a Casa Specialty. Years of tradition, family recipes handed down from generation to generation, and the finest ingredients make Alfonso's a staple for fine Mexican dining.

Upcoming Events; Mark Your Calendars!



The La Jolla Festival of the Arts, June 20-21. Over 200 artists will showcase their original fine art, along with entertainment and delicious cuisines, complemented with fine wine and craft beer. UCSD Warren Field. \$15 for adults. Children (under 16), military and parking FREE.

www.lajollaartfestival.org

The July 4 UC Celebration “Oh Say Can UC”, July 4th at Standley Park, 3585 Governor Dr. Fun Run, music, games, vendor and food booths, beer garden, inflatables and free swimming at Swanson Pool. 8:00am-7:00pm. FREE.

www.universitycitynews.org/uc-4th-of-july

La Jolla Cove Fireworks, July 4th, Scripps Park/La Jolla Cove. 8:00-10:00pm. Come early to find your spot and enjoy some of the best sunset views and awesome fireworks in America's Finest City! FREE.

The 100th Anniversary of the La Jolla Recreation Center, July 25th, 12:00-4:00pm. 615 Prospect St., La Jolla. Centennial Ceremony and Rededication of the historic building, BBQ, music, jumpers, face painting, pony rides, arts and crafts. FREE.

www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/centers/recctr/lajolla.shtml



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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.

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