



# COUNCILMEMBER SHERRI LIGHTNER

CITY OF SAN DIEGO – COUNCIL DISTRICT 1

## Media Advisory

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### **Lightner Urges City Council to Protect Open Space** *New rules could save up to 10,000 acres of canyonlands*

**What:** Recent state legislation has made it easier for San Diego to protect close to 10,000-acres of city-owned open space from development. The city is now in the process of choosing which parcels of land to dedicate for preservation and city staff is recommending just 6,000 acres of land.

**Councilmember Sherri Lightner**, who pushed for the legislation, along with **Sen. Christine Kehoe** (D-San Diego), who carried SB 1169, **San Diego Canyonlands** and the **Sierra Club** are asking the San Diego City Council to safeguard as much land as possible.

**When:** Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2012  
Noon

**Where:** 3270 Carnegie Way  
San Diego, CA 92122

**Who:** Councilmember Sherri Lightner  
State Sen. Christine Kehoe  
Eric Bowlby, San Diego Canyonlands  
Jay Powell, Sierra Club

**Why:** On Wed. October 17, the Land Use and Housing Committee will be hearing city staff's recommendations on which land to dedicate as open space. Councilmember Lightner and Sen. Kehoe along with environmental groups and concerned citizens want the city to be more aggressive and preserve as much open space as possible under this new state legislation, which is designed to save taxpayers as much as \$2 million. The deadline for selection is December 31st, so time is of the essence.

**Visuals:** The press conference will be held overlooking a scenic parcel of open space that is slated for protection.

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