



## City Hall Headlines from Councilman Kersey

I make a lot of decisions as your representative at City Hall so I want to be sure you are up to date on what we have been working on. Below please find some news headlines reflecting the current issues:

### City Releases First Long-term Infrastructure Report

As Chair of the Infrastructure Committee I have been calling for the creation of a long-term infrastructure investment report to finally get a handle on the backlog of deferred maintenance and repairs on everything from streets and sidewalks to storm drains and water mains. It put a startling \$3.8 billion price tag on our infrastructure needs over the next five years. My takeaway - we need to find more resources to meet our unfunded needs of more than \$1.7 billion. This year, my top priority is to put together a financing plan we can bring to voters for support in 2016 so we can Rebuild San Diego. In the meantime, we will continue to streamline processes, reduce costs and invest more from our general fund. [Read more...](#)

### My Budget Priorities Memo

At the start of the year, each councilmember releases their budget priorities in a memo to the City's Internal Budget Analyst. I thought I would share mine with you so you could see my priority projects for District Five requiring funding this year. Among them: more street lights in Rancho Bernardo, storm drain replacement in Scripps Ranch, ADA upgrades at Rolling Hills Park and Jerabek Park, and repairing San Ysabel Road in the San Pasqual Valley. Other priorities: increased funding for police recruitment and retention, adding a Fast Response Squad to the San Pasqual Valley and additional funds for brush management. [Read more...](#)

### Discussing Open Data with San Diego's First Chief Data Officer

## Get Involved...

**Black Mountain Ranger Station  
Groundbreaking Ceremony**  
Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 9:30 a.m.



Los Peñasquitos Canyon Reserve  
12115 Black Mountain Road  
San Diego, CA 92129

**Community Business Partner Mixer  
hosted by Rancho Peñasquitos Town  
Council**  
Wednesday, Feb. 11  
5:30-7:30 p.m.

DoubleTree Gold Resort -  
El Dorado Room  
14455 Peñasquitos Drive  
San Diego, CA 92129

**Mini Community Cleanup and  
Recycling Event**  
Thursday, Feb. 5 in Rancho  
Peñasquitos

City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department will be collecting separate waste and metals at your regular curbside trash pick-up location on certain streets in Rancho Peñasquitos. See the flyer posted on [my Facebook page](#) with more information including streets that can participate and items accepted.

## Give Back...

Over the weekend, I appeared on NBC San Diego's Politically Speaking to discuss the City's Open Data movement that will give you more access to the massive amounts of data locked up in City Hall databases. Open Data is meant to enhance citizen engagement and create new economic development opportunities through the public access to City data such as budget, public safety and contracting data. Also appearing with me was the City's first Chief Data Officer Maksim Pecherskiy. [Watch the segment here.](#)

I always appreciate your feedback so if you have any questions or comments, please email me at [markkersey@sandiego.gov](mailto:markkersey@sandiego.gov).

Best,



Join me on...



The Association of General Contractors (AGC) is hosting a coat drive to help the homeless. They are collecting new or used blankets, warm coats and jackets (men, women, and children sizes), throws, and comforters in clean and good condition through Friday, February 6. Donations can be dropped off at the AGC Office located at 6212 Ferris Square San Diego, CA 92121. For more information, contact the AGC at (858) 558-7444.



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