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**MAYOR JERRY SANDERS**  
**FACT SHEET**

**EXPANDED HOURS AT CITY  
RECREATION CENTERS NOW IN EFFECT**

*Improved financial condition will also keep libraries open longer*

The City of San Diego's recreation centers are now open an additional 5 hours a week as a result of the city's improving fiscal health.

In February, Mayor Jerry Sanders announced that the city had a \$16.5 million budget surplus and that he planned to put it to use restoring hours at San Diego's libraries and rec centers, among other city services.

Each of the city's 56 recreation centers are now open an additional 5 hours per week. Hours of operation vary at each rec center, and have been updated on the City's website. (<http://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/centers/>)

"For many San Diegans, our recreation centers provide not only a place for exercise, but also for community involvement," Mayor Jerry Sanders said. "As we've faced tough financial challenges, both our local residents who use our centers, and our city employees who work there have felt the brunt of cutbacks. Keeping our recreation centers open longer represents another step toward fiscal recovery.

The city's 35 branch libraries will be open on Mondays, effective June 4.

The budget surplus was a result of economic reforms put in place by Mayor Sanders, as well as better than expected revenues. Managed competition, the streamlining of nearly every city department, IT outsourcing and other reforms have collectively produced millions of dollars in budget savings. Sanders has projected an additional \$119 million in budget surplus over the next five years.

"We're not done yet," said Sanders. "We're going to keep at it until the very last day – reforming, retooling and restoring city services."

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