

COUNCILMAN MARK KERSEY

NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT



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Business Meet & Greet on January 22

As a small business owner and avid supporter of our business community, I am aware of the challenges and opportunities one may come across while starting up and maintaining a business. As your City Councilman, I want to be a resource in order to help all of the businesses in San Diego be successful. I would like to invite you to our Business Community Meet and Greet for our Carmel Mountain Ranch and Sabre Springs communities on **Thursday, January 22 at 6pm at Keller Williams Realty 13400 Sabre Springs Parkway #100, San Diego, CA 92128.**

There will be a special presentation by Kevin Sullivan, Business Incentives Coordinator for the City's Economic Development Department on government programs and incentives for businesses. I hope to learn more about your business and how I can help your business thrive in San Diego. If you're not able to attend the Business Community Meet and Greet we'd be happy to stop by your business and bring the information to you. Please RSVP to the event or coordinate a visit with Mayra Vazquez, Business Liaison, at MVazquez@sandiego.gov or (619) 236-6927.

Rancho Peñasquitos Library to Get New HVAC

A project that has long been on the waiting list is finally up for bid. The Rancho Peñasquitos Library has been in need of a new HVAC system for several years. I was just informed that the project was put up for bid this month and likely installed within the year.

The City wants to hire a Small Local Business Enterprise (SLBE) or an Emerging Local Business Enterprise (ELBE) to do the job so if you know of a local HVAC company that would qualify, please have them check out the City's Procurement and Contracting site at

<http://www.sandiego.gov/purchasing/index.shtml>.

The City has a goal of hiring more SLBE/ELBEs and such companies receive a preference during bidding.

One of my goals is to continue to improve and further streamline this process, something I'm working on through my role as chair of the Infrastructure Committee. If you have any questions, please contact me at 619-236-6655 or markkersey@sandiego.gov.



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Working for You in the New Year

As we begin 2015, my top priority continues to be rebuilding San Diego. Maintaining and improving our streets and sidewalks, water mains and sewers, libraries and fire stations is what City government must do and you, our constituents, expect us to do. I will remain hyper-focused on this issue in the new year.

We are on schedule to release the City's first ever long-term comprehensive infrastructure investment plan in early 2015. This multi-year plan will guide the City in a long-term approach by focusing on funding sources, project prioritization, and streamlining opportunities. The citywide sidewalk assessment will also be completed early in the year and the Infrastructure Committee, which I chair, will work to revise the City's sidewalk policy so we can improve the walkability of our neighborhoods.

Public safety is another key priority for 2015 and I will continue to advocate for more fire and police resources, including more brush management and a Fast Response Squad to serve the San Pasqual Valley. A Fast Response Squad would help Rancho Bernardo's Station #33 better serve the local community at large. I will also be advocating for more lighting on Rancho Bernardo Road where the community has expressed safety concerns.

Another goal for 2015 is to get more City services online. This year, Open DSD launched to provide City residents with online access to permitting and contracting data.

Finally, I will be expanding my constituent and business outreach in 2015 (see more about that on Page 1). If you'd like to sit down and talk about what is going on in your community, please contact me at 619-236-6655 or markkersey@sandiego.gov.

Wishing everyone the very best in the new year,
Councilman Mark Kersey

Los Peñasquitos Ranger Station Groundbreaking

The Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve is getting a new ranger station. Join me for a ground breaking on **Wednesday, February 4 at 9:30 a.m.** Mayor Faulconer and Councilmember Chris Cate (Sixth District) will also be in attendance. The Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve lies between Rancho Peñasquitos and Sorrento Hills to the north and Mira Mesa to the south. The new ranger station will be located at 12115 Black Mountain Road San Diego, CA 92129 near the Mercy Road and Black Mountain Road entrance. While you are there, take a hike to the waterfall or the historic Ranch House. For more information, please contact me.



Community Events

State of the City Address

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 6-7 p.m.

Balboa Theatre 868 4th Avenue

<http://www.sandiego.gov/mayor/sotc/index.html>

Sustainable Scripps Ranch: Harvesting Rainwater and Graywater

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 6:30 p.m.

SRCA Community Center 11885 Cypress Canyon Road

<http://www.scrippsrancho.org/>

Scripps Ranch Theatre Presents "Tribute"

January 17 to February 15

9783 Avenue of Nations

<http://www.scrippsranchotheatre.org>

San Diego Restaurant Week

January 18-24

Bernard'O Restaurant 12457 Rancho Bernardo Road

For a list of all restaurants: <http://www.sandiegorestaurantweek.com/>



Rancho Bernardo High School "Bookin' It" 5K Run

Sunday, Jan. 25, 8:30 a.m.

Rancho Bernardo Community Park Glassman Recreation Center 18448 West Bernardo Dr.

<http://www.bookinitforthebroncos5k.com/>

Join Your Local Planning Board

Make it a new year goal to participate more in your community by joining your local planning board. Planning boards make decisions on building and development in the community and provide valuable input for projects that are eventually brought to the City Council. Here's a list of planning board meetings and contact information for the various District Five communities.

Carmel Mountain Ranch/Sabre Springs Community Committee: Meets second Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Carmel Mountain Ranch Library 12095 World Trade Center Dr.

Contact: johngiltner@att.net

Miramar Ranch North: Meets first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the SRCA Community Center, 11885 Cypress Canyon Road. Contact: mrnpchair@scrippsrancho.org

Rancho Bernardo: Meets the third Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at Rancho Bernardo Swim & Tennis Club - Club 21 Room 16955 Bernardo Oaks Dr, San Diego 92128 Contact: Delange1938@gmail.com

Rancho Peñasquitos/Black Mountain Ranch/Torrey Highlands: Meets first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Doubletree Golf Resort - Sandpiper Room, 14455 Peñasquitos Drive San Diego 92129

Contact: rppb.chair@gmail.com

San Pasqual: Meets the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at San Diego Wild Animal Park, Conference Room, Highway 78, Escondido Contact: kksonger@sbcglobal.net

Scripps Ranch/Stonebridge: Meets the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Scripps Ranch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive. <http://www.scrippsranchoplanning.blogspot.com/>

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Sundance Elementary School Safety Patrol Honored

Sundance Elementary School in Rancho Peñasquitos was named the School Safety Patrol of the Year for the Northeastern Division of the San Diego Police Department. The School Safety Patrol Program operates citywide and empowers young people to play a key role in protecting their peers. The student volunteers work before and after school as traffic monitors helping younger students cross the streets. The fifth and sixth graders are selected, trained and supervised by San Diego Police officers. They get to school early and attend weekly meetings. These students are to be commended for their commitment to the community.

One way that the City Council helps is to provide funding for their jackets. I was proud to be able to approve funds through a District Five Community Programs, Projects and Services grant. The kids look sharp in their new uniforms and will make them recognizable to their peers who may need help. Congratulations to the Sundance Elementary School Safety Patrol.



Twitter Q&A: January 15 at 1 p.m.

*Let's
Talk!*



Due to scheduling conflicts we postponed last month's Twitter Q&A to Thursday, January 15 at 1 p.m. You can join me online to ask your questions about City business and local issues in real time. It's always a fun and lively conversation. Follow me on Twitter at @markkersey and send me questions beginning at 1 p.m. on January 15. Don't forget to use the hashtag #AskD5. As always, you can also send questions you'd like answered in this public forum via email at markkersey@saniego.gov. Talk to you soon.

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