

## City Councilmember Scott Sherman

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## Councilmembers Sherman, Zapf, & Lightner Celebrate Reopening of Overnight Camping at Kumeyaay Campgrounds

After nearly three years of closure, new city budget restores funding

**San Diego** – Councilmember Scott Sherman celebrated the restoration of overnight camping at Lake Kumeyaay Campgrounds after budget cuts closed the site for camping nearly three years ago. Sherman was joined by Councilmembers Lorie Zapf and Sherri Lightner. Also, former Mayor Dick Murphy and former District Seven Councilmember Jim Madaffer were in attendance.

At the celebration, Sherman used a bolt cutter to cut the locks from the gate of the closed campgrounds and opened the gates to the public with help from his colleagues.

"The Kumeyaay Lake Campgrounds is an asset for all San Diegans where families can come and enjoy our beautiful open space and learn about the environment. The reopening of the campgrounds marks a great day for our city and community," said Councilmember Sherman.

Sherman, a lifelong fisherman and outdoorsman talked about his time as a child camping near the San Diego River where the Mission Trails are located and how those experiences helped develop a love and appreciation for the environment that continues to this day.

"I commend Mayor Faulconer for keeping his campaign promises to reinvest in all of our neighborhoods.," said Sherman.

"Reopening this campground is a huge win for San Diegans. It is a great example of how the City can afford to invest in the neighborhood services we need when we have a Council that streamlines and reforms how tax dollars are being spent at City Hall," said Councilmember Zapf

"This is great news for San Diego, and perfect timing as summer gets underway," said Council President Pro Tem Sherri Lightner. "I appreciate Councilmember Sherman's leadership on this issue and have supported his efforts to restore funding to bring overnight camping back to the Kumeyaay Lake Campground," said Councilmember Lightner

For more information regarding the Kumeyaay campgrounds or to reserve a camp space, please visit: <u>http://mtrp.org/campground.asp</u>