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provements

FY 2017 Final Budget Approval

On June 13, the City Council unanimously approved the FY17 Budget, which demonstrates the thoughtful collaboration of my colleagues. I'm proud that we've been able to achieve a unanimous budget approval for the <u>second</u> straight year.

This budget focuses on public safety, neighborhood infrastructure, storm channel clearing, and implementing the City's climate action plan, along with continuing to restore many of the neighborhood services that were cut during the recession.

I was especially pleased to support increased funding for public safety, library programs, and Penny for the Arts, which funds arts and culture programs throughout the city.

This budget also includes two firefighter academies, and more funding for Police Dispatchers, which should help to shorten hold times for 911 calls. Funds are allocated to police officer recruiting and retention initiatives as well.

In the final budget, the Council also approved a \$500,000 in-

crease for library programs and a \$600,000 increase for arts funding. All additional funding was covered by unanticipated increases in revenue to the City.

For District One, I was particularly happy to see increased funding for La Jolla Cove odor treatments and concrete street replacement.

I will continue to advocate for the development of performance metrics for each of our city departments, which should be aligned with the development of the city's budget for next year.

June Primary Election Results

I'd like to thank the voters for their approval for City Charter revisions in Propositions A-G that appeared on the June ballot. These were non-controversial clean-up measures that will help bring the Charter up to date, and I'm very pleased to see that they were approved by the voters.

The approved Charter changes include:

- **Prop A: Redistricting,** which improved the City's redistricting process.
- Prop B: Issuing Bonds, which streamlined bond language in the Charter

and put detailed language in the Municipal Code.

- Prop C: Taxation, which clarified the City's role regarding property taxes.
- Prop D: Power to Fix Salaries, which updated the Charter to reflect the strong mayor form of government and state law.
- Prop E: Budgeting, which explains the city's budget process in one easy-to-read place.
- Prop F: Financial Operations, which allowed the City to approve contracts faster, pay claims using electronically transmitted

funds, and to protect reserves.

 Prop G: Audits of Accounts of Officers, which detailed how officers who leave City employment are audited.

Other results included the passing of **Prop H: Infrastructure**, which designated a percentage of future revenue growth for the next 25 years toward infrastructure improvements.

Prop I: Minimum Wage, which increased San Diego's minimum wage to \$10.50 per hour, effective July 11, 2016, with a minimum of 5 sick days for full-time employees.

Charter Review and Rules Committee



The Rules Committee will decide what will go on the November ballot.

This month, the Charter Review Committee transfers over to the Rules Committee. On June 15, the Rules Committee considered 14 different citizen proposals for the November ballot including: requiring the top two candidates from the primary election to be on the general election ballot even if one garners more than 50% of the votes, reconsidering the

"People's Ordinance" that provides for free trash pickup, reinstituting the City's Public Health and Social Services Departments for oversight of their respective services, suspending the Zoo Maintenance Tax, increasing the number of San Diego Unified School Board member seats from five to nine, establishing a public utility company for alternative renewable energy and open access to communications within the internet, and raising the Transient Occupancy Tax by 5%. Residents can watch the <u>Rules Committee meetings</u> on City TV, and see <u>Committee</u> <u>documents</u> and <u>meeting</u> <u>schedules</u> online. All comments can be sent by email to <u>charterreview@sandiego.gov</u> or by phone at (619) 236-6611.



Sherri was recognized by UC San Diego as a distinguished alumna.

Sherri Lightner Selected as a UCSD Distinguished Alumna

On June 4, at the University of California, San Diego 38th Annual Alumni Celebration, Sherri was honored as one of five distinguished alumni. This event recognized outstanding alumni who have transformed their fields and made an impact in the community through leadership, professional accomplishments, and personal achievements.

Sherri was selected for her

refusal to accept the status quo. As the first female engineer to serve on the City Council and the first female Council President, she not only broke gender barriers but also pushed to solve challenging issues at the city. She created the Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, which she chaired for a number of years, and authored the Comprehensive Water Policy, which laid

the groundwork to diversify San Diego's water supply and make it more sustainable and resilient. Currently, she's focusing on closing San Diego's jobs-skills gap, especially in the fields of science, technology, math and engineering, by enhancing job training.

Sherri received both her B.A. in Sociology and Mathematics and an M.S. in Mechanics and Applied Engineering from UC San Diego.



People can now use the new Get-It-Done App for issue reporting.

City Launches "Get It Done" App

The City of San Diego has adopted a new website and application designed to help residents report highly requested repairs and issues more easily. Using customer relationship management technology, this new system is expected to improve civic engagement and create efficiencies for city government.

Through this app, residents will be able to report multiple issues in one central location. This easier experience is intended to encourage reporting so city departments can learn of issues and respond more quickly, creating safer and more beautiful neighborhoods.

Residents can visit www.sandiego.gov/get-it-

done to report issues directly on the website, or download the app so that they can report issues conveniently on their smart phones. From there, they can report abandoned vehicles, curb/gutter blockages, dead animals, graffiti, litter/dumping, potholes, sidewalk issues, storm drain problems, street light hazards, downed traffic signs, traffic signal issues, or tree hazards.

Still in the pilot program stage, users are invited to provide feedback on their user experience. The Performance and Analytics Department will use this feedback to create an even better experience by next fiscal year.

Sherri Around Town



Left to right, from top: **1.** Mayor Faulconer and Sherri presented a proclamation recognizing Water Awareness Month in San Diego and honoring the student finalists in the Water Awareness poster contest. **2.** The Mayor, Sherri and Councilmembers Gloria, Cate, Cole and Zapf at the signing of the FY17 Budget. **3.** At Doyle Elementary School's International Festival, an annual event which celebrates cultures from around the world, Sherri was presented with a "thank you" card signed by students. **4.** Sherri met with government and business leaders from the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region of France at UCSD campus. She is proud to support the City's active efforts to build international economic development partnerships. **5.** During the Building Safety Week event, Sherri experienced what a 9.5 magnitude earthquake feels like in the "Quake Cottage," an earthquake simulator.

Local Business Spotlight: James' Place

Sherri likes to regularly highlight a new or unique business in Council District One.

<u>This month's selection</u>: James' Place

What: A sushi, steak, and Asian fusion restaurant

Where: 2910 La Jolla Village Drive San Diego, CA 92037 (UCSD campus)

What you'll find:

Led by renowned sushi chef James Holder, this sushi and Asian-fusion restaurant has specialties like Hibachi Hokkaido Scallops, Truffle Tuna Tartare, Braised Short Ribs, and an array of specialty rolls. Located adjacent to the La Jolla Playhouse, James' Place is the perfect location for a pre-show drink or a post-production meal.

Contact: 858.638.7778 jamesplacesd.com



James' Place blends fine dining with "La Jolla laidback" vibes to create a hip happy hour and dining experience.

Community Updates in District 1

One Paseo Goes to City Council

The One Paseo development project in Carmel Valley is set to go to City Council for approval. The topic will be heard at a special meeting in **Golden** Hall, located on the west side of the City Concourse at 202 C Street, San Diego, 92101, on Monday, June 27 at 1:00 p.m. Interested parties are encouraged to attend the meeting and share their opinions with the Council.



Community Improvements

My office has been working hard to help District One residents improve their community. Here are some things we've helped accomplish recently:

- Sand and rock removed from Via Latina and Via Grimaldi
- Fixed a tripping hazard by having the sidewalk on Electric Avenue repaved
- Street light fixed on Concannon Court
- Pothole filled on northbound Soledad Mountain Road
- Street light fixed on Bradshaw Court
- Removed weeds in the right-of way on La Jolla Shores Drive

- Pothole filled on La Jolla Village Drive and Genesee Avenue
- Street light fixed on Hidden Valley Road and Via Capri

Thanks to everyone who contacted our office to report these issues. I encourage District One residents to continue reporting any city issues that they notice either through the "Get It Done" App mentioned on page 2, by calling the numbers below, or by calling my office directly.



Sherri is on the Web at sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd1/



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Important City Department Contact Numbers

Need help with an issue in your neighborhood? Here are some important City numbers you can call or contact Sherri's office for assistance.

Emergency (Police, Fire, Medical)	911
Non-Emergency Police (Minor crime report)	619-531-2000
Graffiti Removal	619-525-8522
Pothole Repair	619-527-7500
Street Lights	619-527-7500
Illegal Dumping	858-694-7000
Missed Trash Pick Up	858-694-7000
Neighborhood Code Compliance	619-236-5500
Building Permit Information	619-446-5000
Lifeguard Information	619-221-8899
Traffic Division	619-495-7800
Dead Animal Pick-Up/Animal Control	619-767-2675
Abandoned Vehicle	619-531-2000
Think Blue/Storm Water Hotline	619-235-1000
Public Utilities Department Leak Line	619-515-3525