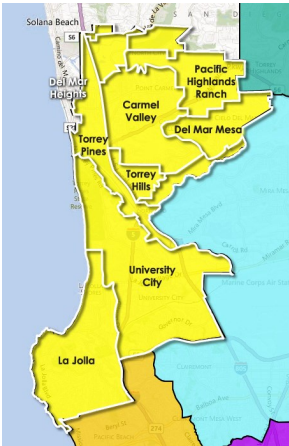




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**Representing the communities of:**

- Carmel Valley
- Del Mar Heights
- Del Mar Mesa
- La Jolla
- Pacific Highlands Ranch
- Torrey Hills
- Torrey Pines
- University City



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## Lightner, Emerald and Cole Travel to Sacramento

On Thursday, January 28, I had the opportunity to travel to Sacramento with Councilmember Cole and Council President Pro Tem Emerald, as well as our Independent Budget Analyst, Andrea Tevlin, to discuss state issues related to water and economic development. Since taking office, I have been very concerned about water quality, supply and conservation. I worked diligently to create a Water Policy Task Force that developed a comprehensive water policy for our city to ensure a sustainable and affordable water supply.

During our trip to Sacramento, we advocated for water on behalf of our city. I am happy to report that we had productive meetings with the Governor's Office, the California Natural Resources Agency, and the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA). Topics included San Diego's efforts toward creating local sustainable water supplies, as well as our conservation efforts to date.

In 2011, I also formed the Economic Development and Strategies Committee because I felt it was a responsibility of the city to encourage economic

and workforce development in San Diego.

We also met with the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz), where we advocated for support of local start-ups, opportunities for San Diego businesses to participate in tax credit programs, and for more support and engagement in the San Diego region to encourage business and workforce development.

We also had a chance to meet with our local delegation, including Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins, on these topics.

## Anticipated June Election Ballot Measures

On June 7, City of San Diego residents will decide on a number of items that affect the City's transparency, representation, economy, and standard of living.

Imagine finding a straightforward and concise description of the City's budgeting process in the City Charter. This may be possible if voters approve proposed language at the June election. Four ballot measures will clean up the Charter, addressing the City's budgeting process, taxation, issuance of bonds, and financial operations.

Voters will also decide on measures addressing the City's redistricting process, which takes place every ten years after the U.S. census. Under the new measure, Redistricting Commission membership will increase from seven to nine members and will include one member from each of the nine Council districts. The measure will also clarify that the new district boundaries take effect following the next election instead of mid-term, preventing a situation where one district might have two councilmembers representing it

while another has none.

Additional ballot measures will clarify sections about the Council's power to set salaries, the publication of notices in a City Bulletin instead of a local newspaper, and close-out audits of City officers.

San Diego voters will also decide on raising the minimum wage for employees within city limits to \$10.50 an hour, and raising it again to \$11.50 in 2017. If approved, employees would also be able to accumulate 40 hours of paid sick leave if they don't currently do so.

## Charter Review Committee Updates and Upcoming Agendas



*The City's original Charter on display as part of the City's historical collection.*

At its Feb. 3 meeting, the Committee considered the Junior Lifeguards and San Diego High School's requests dealing with the use of parklands. The Committee requested that city staff work with the Junior Lifeguards to build a Mission Bay headquarters. The committee also had concerns about San Diego High School's request for an exception to the prohibition of educational facilities

in Balboa Park. Additional options will need to be explored.

Additionally, the Committee is working to clarify what constitutes "cause for removal from office" for an elected official. Referring to gaps discovered during the Filner era, the City Attorney promised to help a working group create a better outline for succession of authority and responsibilities for the Mayor and City Attorney.

A clear line of succession already exists for the City Council.

On March 3, the Committee will review salary setting for elected officials and Article 3 regarding Legislative Power.

Watch the [Charter Committee meetings](#) on City TV, and see [Committee documents](#) and [meeting schedules](#) online. Send comments to [charterreview@sandiego.gov](mailto:charterreview@sandiego.gov).

## Festival of Science & Engineering Kicks Off Saturday, March 5



*The Festival of Science and Engineering on March 5 will feature hands on and interactive displays for attendees of all ages.*

The 2016 Festival of Science and Engineering kicks off on **Saturday, March 5 with EXPO Day at Petco Park from 10:00am-5:00pm**. All are welcome to attend this free family-friendly event.

For eight years, the Festival has been engaging kids in science and engineering and working with parents and teachers to inspire today's youth to become tomorrow's science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM)

innovators.

It features a week of interactive demonstrations, hands-on activities and dynamic speakers to encourage kids and families in science and engineering. During the week following March 5, hundreds of community businesses and organizations will hold more than 35 events throughout the county. Participants can find events tailored to each age group, including an "Adult Science Series" for science enthusiasts

ages 21 and above.

After the Festival of Science and Engineering, students, teachers, and organizations can still participate in one of its many STEM-geared programs offered year-round.

The Festival is currently accepting applications for sponsors, exhibitors, and volunteers. Visit their website at [www.lovestemsd.org](http://www.lovestemsd.org) for more information and for a calendar of events.

## La Jolla Historical Society Celebrates La Jolla Landmarks Week



*La Jolla's historical buildings give the community a unique charm.*

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act, the La Jolla Historical Society will be hosting La Jolla Landmarks Week featuring a series of events that encourage preservation in La Jolla. This year's events include:

- A Historic Home Designation Workshop on Saturday, March 12
- A Recognition Event for Owners of Historic Proper-

ties and a reenactment of the *Cows on the Beach* photograph on Sunday, March 13

- A 75th Anniversary Celebration of the landmark Marine Room on Sunday, March 20

Since 1963, the La Jolla Historical Society has strived to link history to contemporary culture by providing a variety of interesting, informative, and engaging activities

centered around historic and modern buildings that tell the history of the town. The Society recognizes homeowners who protect La Jolla landmarks and preserve the architectural character, charm, and beauty of the seaside community.

For more information regarding La Jolla Landmarks Week or the La Jolla Historical Society, please visit: [lajollahistory.org](http://lajollahistory.org).



## Sherri Around Town



Left to right, from top: **1.** Council President Lightner joined Councilmember Kersey to deliver 14 automated external defibrillators to SDPD's Northwestern Division. **2.** Sherri and her staff recognized "Wear Red Day" to promote women's heart health. **3.** Sherri attended "Girls in Engineering," where high school students introduce elementary and middle school students to engineering and mentor them as they solve a problem. **4.** Along with Councilmember Cole, Councilmember Emerald, and Independent Budget Analyst Andrea Tevlin, Sherri spent a day in Sacramento meeting with state decision-makers to advocate for San Diego's needs. **5.** Sherri spoke with an architecture student about his senior project at the Stanley Foster School of Design & Engineering. **6.** Sherri answered questions and gave a tour of her office and Council Chambers to Cub Scout Pack 11 (Webelos Den) from University City.

### Local Business Spotlight: Ken Sushi Workshop

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

#### **This month's selection: Ken Sushi Workshop**

**What:** A trendy sushi restaurant experience

**Where:** 11375 El Camino Real, San Diego, CA 92130

**What you'll find:** Ken Sushi Workshop is an upscale sushi restaurant serving art you can eat. Their chefs

and staff are friendly and accommodating.

Patrons can experiment with creative dishes by ordering individual dishes from the menu, or they can sample the best selections by choosing the prix fixe option. The salmon belly is one of their most popular dishes. Reservations are recommended at this busy spot!

**Contact:** (858) 793-1200



Located in Carmel Valley, Ken Sushi Workshop serves some of the freshest sushi in the area.

## Working Hard for You and Your District One Neighbors

Over the past month, my office has been busy helping residents with their service requests. Some of the improvements include:

- Removed palm fronds on City trees along the bike lane on North Torrey Pines Rd.
- Filled pothole on Torrey Pines Rd.
- Filled pothole on Girard Ave.
- Filled pothole on Pearl St.
- Filled pothole at the corner of Girard Ave. and Pearl St.
- Repaired the streetlight at Crest Knolls Court
- Repaired the streetlight at Intermezzo Way
- Repaved the sidewalk along Electric Ave.
- Removed graffiti painted at the Avenida De La Playa stop sign
- Removed graffiti on Avenida De La Playa speed limit signs
- Removed graffiti painted on an Avenida De La Playa parking sign
- Filled pothole on Villa La Jolla Dr.
- Filled pothole on Benhurst Court
- Removed palm fronds on City trees along Calle Corta

Thank you to the constituents who have called my office to report these issues. Repairs such as these help keep District One a safe and attractive community. I encourage residents to contact my office for any assistance they may need with city services.

You may also contact city departments directly using the contact information provided in the blue box below.



*Torrey Pines Road is a smoother ride because potholes that developed after the storms have been filled.*

Sherri is on the Web at [sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd1/](http://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.

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