



**COUNCIL PRESIDENT
SCOTT H. PETERS**

CITY OF SAN DIEGO

The following letter from Council Representative Keely Sweeney was read at the March 19 meeting of the La Jolla Community Parking District Advisory Board:

“Council President Peters remains open to any number of reasonable solutions to La Jolla’s parking problem, meaning both plans that include and plans that specifically exclude paid on-street parking. He has stated this openly on many occasions and he has met with representatives from both “sides” of the debate to ensure that he is hearing from the entire community on this important topic.

To imply that he has already made up his mind is simply false and intentionally inflammatory. Council President Peters knows this is a complicated issue with important consequences, so he intends to find a solution that works for the entire community. Allowing the parking board to meet and accept input from the community would help ensure that the community’s opinions are accurately represented in whatever plan is ultimately recommended for the City traffic engineers and City Council to consider for La Jolla. He wants to hear what the community has to say, and the inability of the parking board to meet and accept comments has made this difficult.

In the past, Council President Peters has stated that he would never support a paid on-street parking plan unless the majority of the revenue generated was turned over to La Jolla (to beautify its streets and increase its parking supply, for example). That is still the case, but he will give equal consideration to any plan that avoids the use of paid on-street parking if the community and the City show it has a similar chance of success. Regardless of whether the community agrees to include or exclude paid on-street parking in its plan, Council President Peters believes that any successful plan must enhance the character of the village for residents, merchants, and visitors alike.”

