



## **Council President Elo-Rivera Responds to Mayor Gloria’s State of the City Address**

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San Diego – Council President Sean Elo-Rivera thanks Mayor Gloria for his State of the City Address and his steadfast leadership in the past year. Facing the challenges of a pandemic, economic recession and budget deficit, his work as Mayor is greatly appreciated.

**“I applaud Mayor Gloria for offering an honest assessment of many of the challenges facing San Diegans and his commitment to real solutions to those problems. The era of San Diego’s leaders ignoring big problems must end and I am excited the Mayor will be a partner to the Council in turning that page so San Diegans can finally have the good governance and quality of life they deserve.”**

Council President Elo-Rivera especially supports the Mayor’s plans to find homes for unhoused people in our city and increase the number of homes available to San Diegans.

**“Housing is a human right and San Diego will only become a world-class city for all if we ensure all residents of all income levels have the security and dignity of a home. That is why I was glad to hear the Mayor’s clear-eyed acknowledgment of the challenges facing the**

**city with respect to homelessness and housing affordability. I am all in with the Mayor's efforts to expand shelter options for those experiencing homelessness, increase services, and make housing more affordable."**

**"In addition to the measures laid out by Mayor Gloria, I look forward to working with my Council colleagues and the Mayor to increase tenant protections this year so fewer San Diego families find themselves in the position of being displaced from their homes."**

Additionally, the Council President Elo-Rivera, former Environment Chair, applauds the efforts to address our vast infrastructure needs at the City.

**"I am grateful for Mayor Gloria's commitment to making infrastructure improvements faster and more equitably, critical changes to prioritize the communities that have been longest neglected. From parks to roads, we're tackling the outdated policies that have left too many San Diego neighborhoods behind. This will allow our communities to remain resilient and healthy in the face of climate change while providing the basic services every neighborhood deserves."**

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***Councilmember Elo-Rivera represents San Diego's Ninth Council District including communities of City Heights, Rolando, Southcrest, Mt. Hope, Talmadge, Mountain View, Kensington, El Cerrito, and the College Area. He serves as Council President and Chair of the Rules Committee.***

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