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Councilmember Gloria Launches New Police Bike Team in Hillcrest

Councilmember Todd Gloria joined the San Diego Police Department and Hillcrest business owners and neighbors on September 29 to launch a new police bicycle team for the community. Building on the success of the police bike team he helped initiate in North Park in 2010, Councilmember Gloria approached Police Department leadership about starting a similar team in Hillcrest's business district.

Starting in late September, one sergeant and four officers now use bicycles to patrol the business district of Hillcrest Wednesdays through Saturdays from 5:00 p.m. – 3:00 a.m. Two additional officers will join the team upon delivery of new bicycles purchased by local business owners.

"The creation of Hillcrest Bike Team demonstrates what is possible when businesses and neighbors partner with the City," said Councilmember Gloria. "This will help ensure crimes are addressed and help create a better atmosphere for residents and visitors along University Avenue."

With Police Department funds in short supply,



Councilmember Gloria contacted the Hillcrest Business Association and several of its member businesses to help raise money for two additional bicycles. Business owners responded quickly and raised more than \$3,000. Donors included Nick Moede of Rich's, Sean Cute of Ruby Room, Johnathan Hale of Hale International Media, Inc., and Chris Shaw of Urban Mo's.

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Family Festival Day is October 9 at the Organ Pavilion

Councilmember Gloria invites you and your family to a special performance at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion on Sunday, October 9, 2011 from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. as the Spreckels Organ Society presents Family Festival Day.

This special program will include Civic Organist Carol Williams' performance of familiar favorites selected by Councilmember Gloria to reflect defining elements of San Diego such as our military, sunshine, the coastline and ocean, and our local industries. The program will also feature the San Diego Children's Choir, performances by young organists, and a narration of Rex the King of Instruments by Councilmember Gloria.

This free festival will also include other fun activities for families.

For further information, please call 619-702-8138, visit www.sosorgan.org or email sosorgan@gmail.com.

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Redevelopment Committee Suspends Work Pending Court Decision

By Councilmember Todd Gloria

2011 marked the start of a new era for the Redevelopment Agency of the City of San Diego. This year, the Agency launched its first ever Ad Hoc Committee on Redevelopment, and I was honored to serve as the Committee's Chairman. The Committee has made great strides over the last several months contemplating myriad solutions to make redevelopment work better for all of our communities. Specifically, it has studied potential governance and structure reforms to improve performance and transparency in our redevelopment areas to better address the needs of those neighborhoods. It has also explored the role of the Mayor in the redevelopment process in light of our City's relatively new Strong Mayor-Strong Council form of government.

Unfortunately, redevelopment agencies across the state have been under attack due to the ongoing State budget crisis. First, there was a proposal to eliminate redevelopment entirely. Then, State laws were adopted to transfer local redevelopment dollars to pay for State obligations. Most recently, on August 17, 2011, the California Supreme Court issued an amended order that, in practical effect, prevents all redevelopment agencies throughout California from conducting new business and requires them to take certain affirmative steps acting as if they are preparing to be dissolved. Needless to say, these significant issues have diverted the Ad Hoc Committee's attention.

Under advice from the Redevelopment Agency's General Counsel, the Ad Hoc Committee's continued discussion of, and deliberation

on, a proposed reorganization of the Redevelopment Agency is likely to be viewed as contrary to the Supreme Court's amended order.

For that reason, the Ad Hoc Committee is suspending its work on the proposed reorganization of the Redevelopment Agency while the Supreme Court's amended order remains in effect. The Supreme Court's final ruling is expected in early January 2012. If and when the Redevelopment Agency is permitted to conduct new business again, the Redevelopment Agency may consider extending the duration of the Ad Hoc Committee beyond its current expiration date of December 15, 2011.

I look forward to the high court's ruling and remain confident that we will be able to complete the work started by the Ad Hoc Committee is to make the San Diego Redevelopment Agency an economic engine for our City that is responsive and accountable to our citizens.

Water Conservation Garden of the Month: 2000 Block of 31st Street



Congratulations to Craig Wilgenbusch for cultivating October's Water Conservation Garden of the month! His yard in the 2000 block of 31st Street includes mature water-

wise plants and attractive hardscape.

Call for Submissions

Where is your favorite drought-tolerant yard in District Three? Submit the address and a photo to ToddGloria@sandiego.gov, and you may see it in a future District Three Dialogue. As always, don't be afraid to submit your own!

Upcoming Events

Coffee with your Councilmember
Saturday, October 8, 10:00—11:30 a.m.
Kensington Community Church
4773 Marlborough Drive

Fire Station 11 Open House
Saturday, October 8, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
25th Street and Broadway in Golden Hill

Spreckels Organ Pavilion Family Festival
Sunday, October 9, 1:30 p.m.
Organ Pavilion, 2211 Pan American Road East

City Heights Fall Facelift
Saturday, October 22, 8:00 a.m.
46th Street near Home Avenue

39th Annual LGBT Center Gala
Saturday, October 22, 6:00 p.m.
Hilton San Diego Bayfront

Celebrating Green Streets with Move Diego
Thursday, October 27, 5:30 p.m.
Port Pavilion on Broadway Pier

Councilmember Gloria Allocates Funds for Local Projects

Councilmember Todd Gloria recently allocated \$3,400 of Community Projects, Programs and Services (CPPS) funds to two local projects.

An allocation of \$1,000 went to the Park and Recreation Department as matching funds for the purchase and installation of sod and seed for Grape Street Park. Dog Owners of Grape Street raised and contributed \$1,000 to the City for the other half of the expense.

Thanks to his second contribution, San Diego's beaches will be accessible to more wheelchair-bound residents and visitors. To supplement the \$3,000 secured from the Disabled Services Advisory Board, Councilmember Gloria allocated \$2,400 to the Park and Recreation Department to purchase manual beach wheelchairs.

CPPS funds may be used to support the services of City departments and are distributed as desired by each City Council office.

Community Connection: The Todd Squad is Working for You

Public Safety

- Police patrols ramped up in the 1000 block of University Ave. to address concerns of transients.
- Drug activity in the 3900 block of Iowa St. is being investigated by the Police Department.
- The Police Department removed a homeless encampment near the 4200 block of Arizona St.
- Multiple streetlights were repaired in Talmadge.
- Fire regulations and requirements were clarified for residents of an apartment complex in Normal Heights.
- Graffiti was removed from light poles and on the sidewalk near Adams Ave. and E. Mountain View Dr.
- The Environmental Services Department increased enforcement activity against recycling scavengers in the alleys of Normal Heights.
- After assistance from the District Three office, Parking Administration accepted a constituent's previously unacknowledged parking citation appeal.

Infrastructure Improvements

- The signal at Adams Ave. and 30th St. was re-timed.
- The crosswalk sign at University Ave. and 44th Street was replaced.
- Potholes were filled in the 2800 and 2900 blocks of Georgia St. and on Marlborough Dr. near Ridgeway.
- The 3700-3800 blocks of Georgia St. were patched with asphalt. Resurfacing of these blocks is scheduled for mid-2012.
- A water line in the 3700 block of First Ave. was repaired.
- The water meter at a business in Hillcrest was replaced after the owner noticed unusual readings. The old meter is being examined to determine cause of the malfunction.

Community Character

- A constituent was assisted in transferring his Section 8 assistance to a new location.
- City property near the Swift Ave./805 overpass was cleared of trash, debris and brush, and a tree was trimmed.
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- A Neighborhood Code Compliance case is pending related to alleged drug activity and noisy dogs in the 4600 block of Boundary St.
- An RV was cited for blocking a sidewalk on Lila Dr.
- A mattress was removed from the alley near the 3900 block of Iowa St.
- A broken trash bin was repaired.
- Neighborhood Code Compliance officers investigated and cited a blighted property in the 3100 block of Howard Ave.
- The Adams Ave./I-15 on- and off-ramps were cleared of trash.
- A vehicle was cited for violating the 72-hour parking limit on Dawson.
- A business in the 1000 block of University Ave. received assistance in getting permission to trim a nearby tree in the public right-of-way.
- Dumpster donations for City Heights' Fall Facelift were coordinated.
- A dumpster was secured for the Altadena Neighborhood Association to clean up its future community garden location at 32nd and Thorn St.
- A new home was found for the old neon Hillcrest sign.
- Staging of construction trucks in Mission Hills was changed to allow appropriate emergency access to red curbs.

Hillcrest Bike Team *(Continued from page 1)*

"I am encouraged by the support that Hillcrest businesses are providing," said Benjamin Nicholls, Executive Director of the HBA. "This is a great example of the many ways that Hillcrest businesses work directly with the police to protect our community and make Hillcrest a safe place to live and work."

Ongoing involvement of the business community will be helpful in ensuring the bike officers are present and aware of specific concerns. This is the latest of Councilmember Gloria's efforts to strengthen public safety, which also included the return of community relations officers to District Three in 2009.

Tracking Todd



Above, Todd and colleagues Sherri Lightner, Marti Emerald and Tony Young present a proclamation to The Center's Delores Jacobs at AIDS Walk. Right, a new kiosk is added to Balboa Park. Below right, Todd serves lunch to folks at Senior Community Centers' facility on Fourth Ave. Below, Todd takes a moment at the North Park Car Show to discuss neighborhood issues.



Councilmember Gloria serves on the following:

- Chair, Budget and Finance Committee
- Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Redevelopment
- Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee
- Land Use and Housing Committee
- Rules, Open Government and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee
- Metropolitan Transit System Board
- San Diego Association of Governments
- San Diego Workforce Partnership
- San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau
- San Diego River Conservancy

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