



## News from **Councilmember Todd Gloria**

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#### **Councilmember Gloria Announces Addition of Three Cops to District Three *Community Relations Officers Brought Back at the Community's Request***

*SAN DIEGO, CA (January 8, 2009)* – San Diego City Councilmember Todd Gloria today announced the return of three Community Relations Officers (CROs) to the neighborhoods of District Three. Gloria was an outspoken advocate of bringing CROs back to the area throughout his recent campaign for office, and discussed the matter in his first meeting with San Diego Police Chief William Lansdowne.

**“Community Relations Officers are key to keeping streets safe for residents, businesses and visitors,”** said Councilmember Gloria. **“Crime prevention is vital to community stability, and CROs provide that necessary service.”**

CROs use their familiarity with the people and properties in specific neighborhoods to directly address nuisances and crime trends proactively with the support of community members. The San Diego Police Department's Mid-City Command, covering the areas bordered by Interstate 15 on the west, Interstate 94 on the south, the College Area to the east and Interstate 8 to the north, has been served by just one CRO for the past several years. Two additional officers will be re-assigned there this month. The three officers will be Dean Thomas, Anthony Bryant and David Tos and will be attending neighborhood civic group meetings.

**“Bringing these officers back to District Three was my goal and part of my commitment to strengthening public safety,”** said Councilmember Gloria. **“To be able to deliver on this promise is exciting, and I look forward to making more progress in partnership with the community.”**

Community member Maria Cortez was enthusiastic about the announcement. “CROs make a big difference in bringing down crime rates because of their involvement in the community,” said Cortez. “Community members know they can bring their concerns to CROs and act as their eyes and ears.”

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