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Veterans Jobs Initiative Approved for June Ballot
Ballot Initiative Would Strengthen City Veterans Hiring Policy

SAN DIEGO, CA (February 2, 2010) – The San Diego City Council yesterday unanimously approved for the June ballot an initiative that would strengthen the City’s hiring policy to give appropriate preference to all U.S. veterans, a proposal championed by Councilmember Todd Gloria.

“San Diego’s veterans are worthy of honor, and this initiative will help ensure they receive appropriate preference through an updated City hiring policy,” said Councilmember Gloria.

Currently, the outdated policy excludes service members returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. The proposed changes would include a broader definition of time of service, which would include any “war, major military action, or peacekeeping mission,” replacing the 1970’s requirement of an “act of conscription,” as well as an added credit for any veteran who has a service related disability of at least 15%, which would bring the total preference credit for qualifying veterans to 10% for City jobs.

“San Diego has a long history with our nation’s armed forces, and it’s time we benefit from the experience of the large number of highly skilled public servants who are discharged into our region,” said Councilmember Gloria.

The proposed policy change is part of Councilmember Gloria’s ongoing effort to improve the City of San Diego’s connection to the local veteran community. In May 2009, the Councilmember announced his Veterans Jobs and Service Outreach Program, which focuses on alerting local veterans organizations of City job openings and services from which they may benefit.

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