

## News from Councilmember Todd Gloria

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## Councilmember Gloria Named Chair of Budget and Finance Committee

Councilmember will also lead the new Redevelopment Committee

SAN DIEGO, CA (December 14, 2010) – San Diego City Councilmember Todd Gloria was today confirmed Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee by his colleagues. After serving as a member of the committee for two years, Councilmember Gloria was recognized for his leadership and advocacy for comprehensive solutions to the City's fiscal issues.

"I am eager to resolve our structural budget deficit and bring stability back to our City. I am honored to lead the Budget and Finance Committee," said Councilmember Gloria. "San Diegans have shared with us their funding priorities over the past several years and opposed a sales tax increase last fall. The City Council now will use those directives to shape a solution to the long term financial challenges and our immediate shortfall, while protecting core government services."

The first meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 26, 2011 on the 12<sup>th</sup> floor of the City Administration Building.

Councilmember Gloria will also chair the Ad Hoc Committee on the Redevelopment Agency of the City of San Diego, which was created to examine the overall operations and structure of the City's redevelopment activities and make recommendations on designating a permanent executive director of the Redevelopment Agency. After voters made the Strong Mayor form of government permanent in June 2010, the mayor's work as the Agency's executive director raised questions, and councilmembers have examined alternatives with less conflict.

Councilmember Gloria plans for the committee to meet for the first time by the end of January.

Council President Tony Young made the committee recommendations on December 9, and the full City Council approved them today at a special meeting.

"Both the budget and redevelopment remain two of the most critical issues facing San Diego," said Councilmember Gloria. "I look forward to working with the members of both committees to make demonstrable progress to strengthen our City."

Until these appointments were announced, Councilmember Gloria served as Chair of the Land Use and Housing Committee (LUH) for two years. Under his leadership, progress was made

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on addressing homelessness, improving affordable housing, sustainable building policies, construction job creation measures, historical preservation, community garden permitting, and many other areas. He will now serve as the Vice Chair of LUH, and remains a member of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee and the Committee on Rules, Open Government, and Intergovernmental Relations.

In addition, Councilmember Gloria will represent the City of San Diego on the Metropolitan Transit System Board of Directors, the SANDAG Transportation Committee, the Convention and Visitors Bureau, the San Diego Consortium Policy Board, and will continue as an alternate on the SANDAG Public Safety Committee.

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