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Family Homelessness in San Diego Can End by 2020

On November 3, a local coalition of government, nonprofit, philanthropic and business interests announced the launch of keystohousing.org, an online platform featuring a toolbox of national best practices and timely resources to help resolve family homelessness.

The Keys to Housing: Ending Family Homelessness (Keys) coalition, chaired by San Diego City Councilmember Todd Gloria and former Coronado Mayor and trustee of the Parker Foundation Mary Herron, brought together many different interests to address the countywide challenge. Its efforts resulted in a Toolbox to End Family Homelessness that contains potential policies and practices for reducing family homelessness that can be implemented in jurisdictions across the county.

a resolution adopting the Toolbox on November 14. The Toolbox has already been presented to several local city councils for consideration and more presentations are planned through the end of the year.

With eight desired outcomes and corresponding roadmaps and methods, the Toolbox outlines actions, proposed partners, and timelines in five key areas.

"Family homelessness is a challenge for cities throughout the San Diego region, and Keys to Housing used a collaborative approach and developed a flexible Toolbox to help ensure success throughout the county," said Councilmember Todd Gloria at the news

The San Diego City Council is scheduled to consider

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San Diego's Growing Urban Agriculture Movement Spurs Changes to City Regulations

The San Diego City Council's Land Use and Housing Committee discussed potential regulations to strengthen local urban agriculture opportunities on October 5.

Councilmember Todd Gloria, a member of the Committee, has helped champion urban agriculture, including the recently approved regulatory changes that made it easier for San Diegans to site community gardens in their neighborhoods. He looks forward to the City Council adopting similar common sense changes in other areas of urban agriculture.

forward to more progress."

Among the topics discussed are animal husbandry for chickens, goats and bees; daily farmers markets, urban farming, and composting.

A report outlining potential urban agriculture regulations is available online: http://docs.sandiego.gov/councilcomm_agendas_attach/2011/LUH_111005_6a.pdf.

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City's Financial Outlook

In October, Councilmember Todd Gloria held a Budget and Finance Committee hearing on the City's Five-Year Financial Outlook.

The Fiscal Year 2013 deficit is projected to be \$31.8 million. This is an improvement from the projected FY 12 deficit of \$56.5 million and the high \$72.5 million deficit faced in the fall of 2010.

The outlook forecast deficits for the next four years and a surplus of almost \$23 million in FY 17.

FY13 (\$31.8 M)	FY15 (\$28.1 M)	FY17 \$22.7 M
FY14 (\$36.6 M)	FY16 (\$5.6 M)	

"This outlook will provide a framework for development of the annual budget," said Councilmember Gloria.

A gradual economic recovery, particularly in sales tax and transient occupancy tax, was included in the outlook, which also contemplated additional bond issuances to address the City's deferred capital needs. According to the outlook, no general salary increases for City employees are assumed for the next five years.

The numbers don't take into account savings from Managed Competition, nor do they include the latest actuarial analysis from the San Diego City Employees Retirement System, which the City Council will receive in early 2012. This means the projected deficit for next year should be less than \$31.8 million.

"I am pleased that the financial reforms implemented by the City Council and Mayor are making a difference in the budget," said

Councilmember Gloria. "However, we must remain cautious of potential State budgetary impacts, which have proven to be great challenges to our balanced budget in recent years."

Though the forecast is somewhat better than previous years, Councilmember Gloria remained concerned about the outlook.

"Our dismal service levels continue," he said. "In Fiscal Year 13, we will still require service reductions. Ongoing reductions or new will be needed to address our deferred capital needs and solve our structural budget deficit once and for all."

Over the next few months, Councilmember Gloria will be working with the Independent Budget Analyst to revise the outlook, taking a closer look at service levels, and identifying funding to more aggressively address our infrastructure needs.

New Donation Stations Helps Fund Move-in Kits for Homeless

Councilmember Todd Gloria joined other City leaders and homeless advocates gathered near Horton Plaza on October 25 to launch MOVIN' HOME, a new program designed to help transition the homeless off the streets.



About 150 of the most vulnerable homeless in downtown San Diego still need supportive housing and services, as identified through the 2010 Downtown San Diego Registry Week.

Through private funding, move-in kits have helped successful transitions from streets to housing.

The kits, worth \$1,000 each, pay for furniture, bathroom and kitchen supplies, and other household necessities.

Movin' Home will allow the public to make direct donations to help end homelessness and fund these kits using donation stations placed throughout downtown San Diego. The first three of 25 stations are installed around Horton Plaza at the entrances of Broadway Circle, First Avenue and Fourth Avenue.

"By adding a few coins to the donation stations when we pass by can add up to a lot of support for our homeless neighbors," said Councilmember Gloria.

MOVIN' HOME set an initial goal of raising enough funds from the stations to buy one kit to move in a homeless person from the streets by the holidays.

All the donation stations were donated by IPS Group, a San Diego-based company.

Water Conservation Garden of the Month: 3000 Block of Kalmia



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!

Community Connection: The Todd Squad is Working for You

Public Safety

- Sharrows will be added to University Avenue between Fourth Avenue and Park Boulevard to encourage drivers and bicyclists to respect traffic rules.
- Homeless encampments near Arizona Street and El Cajon Boulevard and near the 600 block of Pennsylvania Avenue were vacated by police following complaints from neighbors. A faulty fence near the Pennsylvania Avenue location was reported.
- The new Hillcrest police bicycle team and Neighborhood Resource Team are actively assisting with homeless complaints in the 3900 block of Normal Street.
- Emergency tree trimming occurred in the 4100 block of Menlo Avenue to cut back fronds that were blocking a streetlight.

Infrastructure Improvements

- Curb ramps will be added to the intersection of 36th Street and Polk Avenue near Edison Elementary in the next available contract.
- An exposed sewer drain near Alder Drive was blocked off and will be sealed.
- Due to neighbor concerns, parking will not be eliminated from W. Washington Street in the Five Points community.
- A petition for road humps on Rowan Street near 39th Street is circulating. If 75% of area residents sign the petition, road humps will be installed.
- A blue curb is being installed for a disabled property owner on Aldine Drive.

Community Character

- A business owner received assistance obtaining a permit for a hot dog stand.
- Shoes were removed from a utility line near Idaho Street and El Cajon Boulevard.
- A tractor and port-a-pottie were removed from Commonwealth and Boundary Street.
- A large dumpster on Florida Street was determined to be

legally permitted through November and therefore would not be cited for removal by the Neighborhood Code Compliance Department.

- Debris left by a City street sweeping truck was cleared near Adams Avenue.
- A construction trailer was moved from Collier Avenue so a neighborhood block party could proceed.
- Three dumpsters were secured from EDCO to assist with City Heights' Fall FaceLift.
- Environmental Services staff will abate a homeless camp in Auburn Creek in November.

Family Homelessness Toolbox

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conference held at San Diego's City Administration Building.

Keys was established in May 2010 by a collaboration of private funders, elected officials, government agencies, and other stakeholders working with San Diego Grantmakers (SDG).

"The Keys to Housing project is an excellent example of what can be accomplished when everyone comes to the table around an issue," said Mary Herron, chair of the SDG Homelessness Working Group.

With the number of children who are homeless in San Diego County hovering around 13,200, and a deficit of 90,500 local affordable housing units, the need to address this challenge was clear to all involved.

"HUD is pleased to be an integral part of the Keys to Housing initiative. The investment of philanthropists, the wisdom of several cities working together, and the commitment of business and service agencies creates the collective impact needed to end family homelessness," said Ophelia Basgal, the Regional Administrator of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Keystohousing.org provides a range of empowering tools, including a letter of support that website visitors can send to their city council members and the County Board of Supervisors. Other features of the website include personal stories from formerly homeless families that have regained self-sufficiency, links to other relevant websites and reports, a calendar of events for presentations and other public gatherings around homelessness, and tracking mechanisms to measure the success of the plan and the adherence of those who pledge their support.

"We've combined best practices from all over the country—we know that these tools can work. Now it is up to local leaders to implement the tools that will make the most difference moving San Diego's families into sustainable housing options," said Councilmember Gloria.

Upcoming Events

2nd Sunday Work Party in Florida Canyon
Sunday, November 13 at 9:00 a.m.
California Native Plant Demonstration Garden
2201 Morley Field Drive

21st Annual Asian Business Association Awards Dinner
Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 6:15 p.m.
Paradise Point Resort and Spa, 1404 Vacation Road

San Diego Association of Realtors' Holiday Open House
Supporting 11 Local Charities
5204 Chelsea Street in La Jolla
http://www.sdar.com/Holiday_House.php

Tracking Todd



October was another busy month for Councilmember Gloria, who celebrated completion of the Thorn Street Median (above), presented a contribution to the Asian Film Foundation for its great film festival (right), chatted with students at Albert Einstein Academy (below right), and enjoyed the annual Talmadge Block Party with Councilmember Marti Emerald, several members of the San Diego Police Department, and Chopper the dog (below).



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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