Mayor Gloria's FY 2023 Budget Approved

It's a big day for the City of San Diego as my Council colleagues, and I approved Mayor Todd Gloria’s $4.89 billion FY 2023 Budget on June 13, 2022. Under the new budget, District 2 stands to gain significant funding to make changes in much-needed areas.

- Mayor Gloria's Budget will support new staff positions that were created for outreach and education of the Street Vending and Short-Term Rental Ordinances. The new staff positions will help implement the new regulations throughout San Diego.
- Infrastructure in District 2 is a priority, particularly roads, sidewalks, and streetlights that are in desperate need of repair throughout the City.
- Also important is the increased funding for housing, shelter, and mental health services for people experiencing homelessness.
- Under the new budget, there will also be specific services for our Seniors and LGBTQ youth who are experiencing homelessness.
- The additional funding for the Homeless Conservatorship and Treatment Unit in the City Attorney's office was also approved. The funding is so important as it will help identify homeless individuals experiencing severe mental illness who often can't care for themselves.

Sidewalk Vendor Ordinance to Take Effect on June 22, 2022

The Sidewalk Vendor Ordinance will go into
effect throughout San Diego on June 22, 2022. The Coastal Commission must still review and approve the ordinance for the coastal areas. I was happy to successfully lead the effort to create an ordinance that will work for all San Diego communities. The Sidewalk Vendor Ordinance was approved by my Council Colleagues and me with an 8-1 vote and signed by Mayor Todd Gloria on May 23, 2022. The ordinance will go into effect 30-days after the Mayor signs it into law. The new ordinance will allow vendors to come into the formal economy, while setting balanced regulations that support vendor compliance, promote public health and safety, and protect access to the City’s public spaces. The City Heights and Logan Heights Community Development Corporations will provide city-wide training and education to sidewalk and pushcart vendors who must have a permit and follow the new regulations to operate in the City of San Diego. For Sidewalk Vendor Ordinance information: https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/guide-to-sidewalk-vending.pdf

I joined Mayor Todd Gloria as he signed the Sidewalk Vendor Ordinance into law on May 23, 2022.

Sidewalk Vendors in Downtown San Diego.

HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS FOR SAN DIEGO

Homelessness is a crisis in San Diego, and that is why my Council colleagues von Wilpert, Whitburn, Campillo, and I, are working together to find solutions. One of those solutions was asking Mayor Todd Gloria for an additional $500,000 for the Homeless Conservatorship Unit in the City Attorney’s Office. Mayor Gloria announced he was allocating $547,000 in his Revised Budget FY 2023. This funding will help identify the most severe homeless individuals with mental health challenges who cannot care for themselves. The Unit will help these individuals with medical services so that more can get off the streets.

Another initiative that I support is the
The Midway Bridge Shelter News Conference with County Supervisor, Chair Nathan Fletcher.

Midway District Bridge Shelter, led by County Supervisor Chair Nathan Fletcher and supported by Mayor Todd Gloria, the Lucky Duck Foundation, the San Diego Housing Commission, and other community leaders. The Bridge Shelter in Midway is a large tent with 150-beds. The shelter will provide homeless individuals with meals, showers, restrooms, laundry, lockers, and mental health and addiction services. These solutions will help more people get off San Diego streets and into housing.

SHORT TERM RESIDENTIAL ORDINANCE

A BIG VICTORY FOR SAN DIEGO!

For 15 years, past City Administrations were unsuccessful in passing legislation to regulate Short Term Vacation Rentals. I took the lead in working with San Diego residents, community leaders, local businesses, STRO platforms, and labor to create a proposal that would work for everyone. The Coastal Commission approved the proposal, and my Council colleagues passed the ordinance on May 17, 2022. Here is what will change when the ordinance takes effect in Fall 2022:

- Short-term whole-home rentals will be capped at 1% of housing stock citywide
- Funded city positions for enforcement
- Lottery for permits for Tiers Three and Four
- Prioritization for good actors

For more detailed information and Frequently Asked Questions on the Short Term Residential Ordinance, visit the Office of the City Treasurer: https://www.sandiego.gov/treasurer/short-term-and-vacation-rentals

SAAFE ACT

The SAAFE Act, or the Stop Adolescent Addiction to Flavored E-Cigarettes Act, will help keep our children and vulnerable communities safe in San Diego. It will stop Big Tobacco from aggressively marketing to everyone, especially children and vulnerable communities.
My friend and colleague, Councilmember von Wilpert, successfully lead the SAAFE Act. My Council colleagues approved and signed it and Mayor Todd Gloria signed it into law on June 2, 2022. It will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2023.

I joined von Wilpert, San Diego Unified School District Board Trustee Richard Barrera, Student Board Member Zachary Patterson, and incoming Student Board Member Matthew Quitoriano to bring awareness to the dangers of flavored tobacco products that often look like candy or computer thumb drives. Parents and students must be aware of the tobacco industry’s deceiving tactics. I am happy that San Diego has joined 100-California cities that have passed similar ordinances to protect children and vulnerable communities.

GET IT DONE
The Get It Done App is a simple, easy and quick way to connect with the City of San Diego. You can report non-emergency concerns, schedule appointments, and obtain city-related information. To download the Get It Done App, visit the City's website: https://www.sandiego.gov/get-it-done
For all Council District 2 residents, if you have any concerns you can reach my office directly. Also, be sure to follow me on Social Media to stay up to date on all the news from District 2.