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We All Have a Role in Addressing Homelessness

By Councilmember Todd Gloria

I continue to hear from neighbors throughout San Diego about homelessness. I understand the frustration and concern so many have expressed, and want to share some of the work being done in our region and to offer you suggestions on how you can help address this ongoing challenge.

As a Councilmember and Chair of the Regional Continuum of Care Council (RCCC), I am proud of the advancements made toward connecting homeless individuals to needed services and housing over the last few years. Locally, San Diego and the San Diego Housing Commission are committed to the Housing First approach to ending homelessness, which prioritizes providing homeless people with housing as quickly as possible and then providing services as needed.

Interim and Permanent Housing Facilities:

- The City recently transitioned its interim housing facility from a 16-week winter tent system to a year-round indoor housing facility in order to use our limited homeless services funds more effectively. The building includes 350 interim beds, and we expect three times as many people to receive services through this change. The program opened on April 1, 2015 and this transition was fully implemented on July 1, 2015. From April 1 through July 30, 2015:
 - 1,094 unduplicated clients were served;
 - 536 clients exited the program and of that total 285, or 51%, left for permanent or more stable housing; and
 - 467 clients who exited, or 87%, left with one or more source(s) of income during the reporting period.
- The City opened Connections Housing in 2013, a service and residential community designed to reduce street homelessness in the Downtown neighborhoods by helping people who are living on the street move into permanent housing. Connections Housing provides 223 housing units, a health

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Audit: City's Finances Greatly Improve

The City of San Diego's diligent fiscal responsibility over the last seven years yielded an impressive report from the independent City Auditor on August 6. Councilmember Todd Gloria released a statement about the Performance Audit of the City of San Diego's Financial Condition.

"The audit validates the hard work and responsible decision making of the San Diego City Council, Independent Budget Analyst, and City employees over the last several years," said Councilmember Gloria, who is serving as chair of the Budget and Government Efficiency Committee for the fifth consecutive year. "San Diego is facing challenging issues including our need for infrastructure funding, and how we face those will be critical to our financial condition. As the economy continues to rebound, it is imperative that current and future City leaders consider likely financial market cycles and the long term fiscal impacts of their decisions so San Diego remains in this positive position."

The audit determined that San Diego's financial condition between Fiscal Year 2005 and Fiscal Year 2014 scored among the best compared to six cities of similar population size.

Fault Line Park Opens in East Village

The first public park to open in East Village in more than a decade opened on August 28 when Councilmember Todd Gloria cut the ribbon on Fault Line Park.

The 1.3-acre park is a City of San Diego park located on 14th Street between Island and J Avenues constructed and maintained by Pinnacle International. It features children's play equipment, grassy open space, public art, an intimate garden, and seating areas. Fault Line Park lays directly over Rose Canyon Fault which is symbolically marked by a walkway. An interactive public art piece commissioned by the City's Commission for Arts and Culture spans the fault.

Councilmember Gloria was joined by the Mayor, Civic San Diego, and the developer of the nearby high rise at the ribbon cutting.



North Park Library Study Bar



The North Park Branch Library has a new feature: a study bar. The long table offers a sunny and quiet space and electric outlets for students of all ages to work and read. Councilmember Todd Gloria was pleased to secure \$10,516 for the upgrades.

Construction Zone: Infrastructure Updates

Torrance Street Flooding: Residents of Torrance Street in Mission Hills experienced flooding after every significant rain in the last 18 months, including the storms in July. Due to the timing of the initial flooding issues, many neighbors attributed them to the recent resurfacing of Reynard Way and an ADA ramp that was installed nearby. Councilmember Gloria asked the City's Storm Water Division to investigate. Cameras were lowered into the massive drainage system and were able to detect a blockage about 400 feet downstream of the Torrance Street storm drains. The blockage was comprised of tree cuttings from the private properties upstream. To clear the blockage, crews worked under very dangerous conditions including entering the system and being lowered 42' down a shaft that is 18" in diameter to clear out this blockage. In addition, engineers are designing a cross gutter to help direct water back to its original flow patterns prior to the ADA ramp installation. Councilmember Gloria asks all residents to keep debris out of the storm drains so this problem doesn't occur in this area or anywhere else.

34th & 35th Street Improvements: At the end of July, contractors began work on the 34th and 35th Street at Madison Avenue improvements. The work includes new curb ramps that facilitate access for persons with disabilities, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, alley aprons, bus pads, crosswalks, pavement rehabilitation, street restriping, and signage. Construction is expected to be completed this Fall. Should neighbors have any questions or concerns about this project, they are encouraged to contact the Public Works Department at 619-533-4207 or engineering@sandiego.gov. Councilmember Gloria and the Todd Squad are happy to address concerns, too.

University Avenue Pipeline Project: Fifth Avenue between Robinson and University Avenues will have to be temporarily closed to car traffic for approximately one week this Fall, potentially starting September 18. Pedestrian access will remain open at all times. While one northbound lane will remain open throughout this heavy construction period, driving on this stretch should be avoided. Please follow @ToddGloriaD3 on Twitter for road closure updates.

Community Connection: The Todd Squad is Working for You

Strengthening Public Safety

- Two new security lights were installed on Idaho Street north of Lincoln Avenue.
- To further enhance public safety in North Park Community Park, 29 lights were retrofitted to adjustable LEDs, and three security cameras were installed.
- New stop signs were installed at the intersection of Spruce and Dale Streets and 29th Street at North Park Way.
- Marked crosswalks were installed at the intersection of Vermont Street and Cleveland Avenue after a constituent requested them via Councilmember Gloria's Facebook page.
- A crosswalk will be installed by the end of year at Fern and Ivy Streets at the request of nearby business owners.

Infrastructure Investment

- Installation of a new fire hydrant near the 800 block of West G Street was left incomplete for 12 weeks until a neighbor reported the issue to the Council District Three Office. The work was then quickly completed, as pictured.
- The following blocks became sexy streets thanks to resurfacing work in August: Capps Street from 28th to Ray; Dwight Street from Granada to 30th; Granada Avenue from Myrtle to University; Gunn Street from Utah to Ray; Illinois Street from University to Howard; Kansas Street from University to Polk; Monroe Avenue from Maryland to Cleveland; Ohio Street from University to Howard; Van Buren Avenue from Cleveland to Campus.



- The sidewalk in the 3500 block of 30th Street was repaired.
- Parking options doubled on Alabama Street between Polk and Lincoln Avenues when 23 parallel spaces were converted into 46 new angled parking spaces.
- Badly broken curb areas were patched with asphalt to alleviate tripping hazards in the 200 block of Montecito Way.
- A pothole reported near Juniper and Felton Streets turned out to be a larger issue. Underlying issues were repaired, as was the street surface.
- An outdated and no longer needed blue curb and sign were removed from the 4700 block of 34th Street. City staff told the current homeowner the removal would occur within 90 days, and the Todd Squad was asked to help when that time passed with no action. The curb was then immediately repainted and the sign was removed.
- "No Parking — Street Sweeping" signs were installed on Third Avenue between Spruce and Redwood Streets at the request of nearby residents.
- A tree that was damaging adjacent properties was removed from an alley between 27th and 28th Streets and A and B Streets.
- Irrigation control will be installed in the 1300 block of Bancroft Street to address erosion concerns near a retaining wall.

Community Character

- A homeless encampment was cleared from 4th and B Streets. One individual was provided services at St. Vincent's, and one was sheltered at Connections Housing.
- Shopping carts were removed from the northwest corner of Boundary and Nutmeg Streets.
- Mattresses and other debris were removed from the 3000 block of University Avenue.
- After an enforcement case was opened, items being stored outside a property in the 900 block of Johnson Avenue were removed.

Smart Parking Meters Are Now Even Smarter: Pay by Phone in Uptown



Councilmember Todd Gloria is excited to share the latest advancement for City parking meters: the addition of pay by phone technology. In July, the mobile pay pilot unofficially started in Uptown at 240 meters. The pilot will eventually include between 800 – 900 meters in Hillcrest and Mission Hills. If successful, the City hopes to deploy the technology at all city parking meters.

The city is partnering with Parkmobile a mobile app that can be downloaded on most phones, for the pilot. Parkmobile is used in many cities, meaning it is proven and user-friendly. If you see a meter like the one pictured to the left with Parkmobile codes, download the app and try it out.

"Pay by phone technology makes parking on city streets even more convenient," said Councilmember Gloria. "I look forward to the feedback and to hopefully expanding it to all meters in San Diego."

Councilmember Gloria championed the conversion of the City's traditional parking meters to smart meters, finalizing a contract for their purchase on his last day as Interim Mayor in 2014.

Councilmember Fights Against Wage Theft

Councilmember Todd Gloria continued his efforts to help all San Diegans make ends meet by speaking out against wage theft on August 29. "Wage theft is a systemic problem among low wage industries here in San Diego. It undermines workers and hurts our economy," said Councilmember Gloria, who authored the local minimum wage increase and earned sick leave legislation, which will appear on the June 2016 ballot. "Increasing wages is one step in the right direction for all workers, and making sure all employers are complying with all wage and benefit laws is also critical."

He also noted the success of the City of San Diego's Living Wage Ordinance, which has recovered \$571,711 for employees who were not fully paid for their work.

Public Comment Needed on Community Plans and the Budget Process

Your voice is needed! Public input is needed on draft community plan updates and on the City's budget development process.

Developed over the last six years, draft updates to the community plans for Golden Hill, North Park, and Uptown were released this summer, and the public comment period ends on October 5. Check out the links below and let the city know if they reflect your vision for your neighborhood. Final EIRs are anticipated in Spring 2016. Public hearings are anticipated by Summer 2016.

Golden Hill: <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/greatergoldenhill/>

North Park: <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/greaternorthpark/>

Uptown: <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/uptown/>

Councilmember Gloria has overseen many improvements to the city's annual budget development process in his five years as the Budget Committee chair to increase public involvement and ensure the priorities of San Diegans are reflected in the City's spending plan. To further streamline the process, several updates have been made to the Fiscal Year 2017 budget development calendar. Attend the October 7 Budget and Government Efficiency Committee meeting at 9:00 a.m. to learn more and provide your thoughts.

Balboa Park's Maker Faire is October 3—4

The Fall signature Centennial event will be a Maker Faire in Balboa Park on October 3 and 4, 2015. Councilmember Todd Gloria was honored to announce this with the Mayor in June during President Barack Obama's Week of Making.

The Maker Faire "is the Greatest Show (and Tell) on Earth — a family-friendly festival of invention, creativity and resourcefulness, and a celebration of the Maker movement."

Part science fair, part county fair, and part something entirely new, Maker Faire is an all-ages gathering of tech enthusiasts, crafters, educators, tinkerers, hobbyists, engineers, science clubs, authors, artists, students, and commercial exhibitors. All of these "makers" come to Maker Faire to show what they have made and to share what they have learned.

Maker Faire has been called many things by many people. But we can all agree it is best experienced in person! It is bigger and bolder than one can imagine. It is the new County Fair for the people. A place where it is cool to be smart and one can witness a spectacle of making and creating. Maker Faire is an event where makers love to share their ideas and innovations with those who want to have fun and learn at the same time. We hope you will be able to join us for San Diego Maker Faire in San Diego's Balboa Park on October 3 and 4, 2015.

The Balboa Park Cultural Partnership, San Diego Makers Guild, and Tijuana Innovadora will partner with the City of San Diego to put on this first-ever event showcasing innovators and creators from our binational region.

Councilmember Gloria commented, "In addition to all of the wonder that can be experienced in the park every day, Maker Faire will add an unprecedented fusion of technology, science, whimsy and innovation. I look forward to the amazing experience that Maker Faire will bring to our Centennial Celebration."

For more information and to purchase tickets go to <http://sdmakerfaire.org/>

Balboa Park Improvements Focus on Restoration and Conservation



Friends of Balboa Park completed renovation of the Botanical Gardens Fountains in August. This Friends' project rejuvenated two badly deteriorating fountain heads which disgorge water into bowl-shaped basins in front of the iconic Botanical Building.

The project included three steps. First, the multi-faceted gargoyle-like features were recast in place to maintain their precise sculptural effect. Second, the fountain heads, pedestals, and basins were painted. Third, all painted surfaces were coated in epoxy to maintain their structure over time.

"The completion of the fountain renovations demonstrates the ongoing investment being made in Balboa Park," said Councilmember Todd Gloria. "I

thank the Friends of Balboa Park for sharing my commitment to preserving the historical features throughout the park."

Councilmember Gloria proudly supported another project of Friends of Balboa Park by contributing funds to its Adopt-a-Plot program at the Park Avenue Pedestrian Bridge. (See picture below right.) The new water-wise garden is a great example of collaboration and was accomplished with the additional help of Canyon Crest Elementary and Park and Recreation Department.

Friends of Balboa Park has five other water-wise projects that are increasing the park's sustainability, which is a critical means of ensuring Balboa Park remains San Diego's crown jewel for the next 100 years.

The other projects include water infrastructure mapping in partnership with San Diego State University; the Bird Park Smartscape, which includes the replanting of one-half acre with native plants which utilize 60 –90% less water than typical plants or turf once established; water capture at Casa de Balboa, which will create a reservoir of water to feed a newly planted Zoro Canyon; the replacement of 54,000 square feet of grass in the Park Boulevard median with colorful native plants that require less water to thrive; and the Balboa Park Landscape Renewal Project, which is in the planning stage.



Upcoming Events: Don't Miss Them!

U.S. Sand Sculpting Challenge

Friday, September 4—Monday, September 7, B Street Pier. Learn more about this annual, family friendly event: <http://www.ussandsculpting.com/>.

Father Joe's Villages Good Neighbor Month Clean Up

Saturday, September 19, 9:00 a.m., 1501 Imperial Avenue.

AIDS Walk & Run

Saturday, September 26, 7:00 a.m., both the 10K and 5K courses begin at University Avenue at Normal Street. To register or learn more: http://events.thecentersd.org/site/TR?fr_id=1100&pg=entry.

Tour de Fat

Saturday, September 26, Golden Hill Park. Councilmember Gloria will participate in the annual celebration of all things beer and bikes to increase awareness and participation in cycling as a sustainable (and fun!) mode of transportation. Details: <http://www.newbelgium.com/events/tour-de-fat/san-diego.aspx>.

Adams Avenue Street Fair

Saturday, September 26, 10:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 27, 10:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m., More information: <http://www.adamsavenuebusiness.com/event-info/adams-avenue-street-fair/>.

Addressing Homelessness *(continued from page 1)*

center and numerous social services all conveniently located in one building. Connections Housing is one part of Downtown's larger strategy to end homelessness. In the first two years since the program launch, Connections Housing has:

- Placed more than 750 individuals into permanent or longer term housing
- More than 340 individuals secured full-time employment
- More than 33,000 visits to the on-site health center, providing comprehensive primary care, medical and mental health services
- More than 39,000 visits by residents to the PATH Multi-Service Depot
- Served more than 112,000 meals to clients in the interim housing program
- 70 percent reduction in street homelessness in the surrounding neighborhood (Spring 2010 count of 246, reduced to March 2015 count of 84)
- More than 1,100 interim housing placements by PATH's outreach team
- More than 5,700 total encounters with homeless individuals through engagement on the streets



Councilmember Gloria listens to a homeless individual during a recent Point in Time Count.

Homeless Management Information System:

The RCCC is leading a data-driven strategic planning effort to increase the region's outcomes and get more people off the streets. The City recently allocated \$400,000 to coordinate and expand the regional homeless data system, called the Homeless Management Information System. With this funding, all homeless providers in the region are now utilizing the same computer system. This is allowing us to more effectively and efficiently address the issue by tracking all individuals experiencing homeless and matching San Diego's homeless in real time with housing and other resources.

As proud as I am that individuals are successfully moving off the streets through our efforts, I know that all of our neighborhoods are still severely impacted. I ask for your continued help in letting the appropriate authorities know of problems you see, and encourage you to share your meaningful suggestions of avenues we can consider to more fully address this complex issue.

Securing Homelessness Funding and Resources for San Diego

The RCCC secured more than \$16 million of federal funds for homeless housing and services in January 2015. Several million dollars were reallocated to permanent supportive housing services, which is a proven method of keeping people from returning to the cycle of homelessness.

In November 2014, Councilmember Gloria helped announce Housing First—San Diego, the San Diego Housing Commission's (SDHC) three-year homelessness action plan to create additional affordable housing with supportive services. Housing First—San Diego will impact the lives of as many as 1,500 homeless San Diegans through the following 5-point plan:

1. Renovates the historical Hotel Churchill to create 72 affordable studios for homeless veterans and youth aging out of the foster care system;
2. Awards up to \$30 million over the next three years to create Permanent Supportive Housing that will remain affordable for 55 years;
3. Commits up to 1,500 federal rental housing vouchers to provide housing to homeless individuals and families.
4. Invests up to \$15 million from the federal "Moving to Work" rental assistance program to acquire a property that will set aside 2 percent of its units for Permanent Supportive Housing for homeless San Diegans; and
5. Dedicates 25 of SDHC's own affordable units to temporarily provide furnished apartments for homeless individuals and families. SDHC is one of the first public housing agencies in the nation to commit affordable rental housing that it owns for this purpose.

Contact Information for Services and Support

The City of San Diego's Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) provides outreach and engagement services throughout San Diego. They are the City's initial point of contact with both chronic homeless and chronic inebriates living on the streets. Each HOT Team is composed of police officers, County psychiatric clinicians and County mental health eligibility technicians, and they assist about 700 individuals per year. The HOT is available to assist the community with homeless related issues. Its phone number is 858-490-3850.

Any crimes or suspicious activity can be reported to the San Diego Police Department (SDPD). Remember, being homeless is not a crime. But if you are concerned about the activities of anyone in your neighborhood – homeless or not – please call it in to 619-531-2000. In an emergency, of course call 9-1-1.

Many kinds of public conduct are illegal and should be reported to the SDPD, including being intoxicated, loitering, prowling, fighting, trespassing, aggressive panhandling, soliciting, urinating and defecating, consuming alcoholic beverages in certain public places, camping or sleeping in parks, littering, obstructing sidewalks, living in a vehicle parked on a public street, disturbing the peace by loud and unreasonable noises, using offensive words, and behaving in a threatening manner.

Trespass Authorization/Letter of Agency

Business and property owners should consider filing a Trespass Authorization/Letter of Agency Form, which can be downloaded at <http://www.sandiego.gov/police/forms/forms.shtml> and submitted to your neighborhood police station. This form allows the SDPD to act as the agent for the owner of private property for purposes of enforcing laws against any person(s) found on the property without the owner's consent or without lawful purpose. This is an extremely useful tool and is strongly recommended for vacant properties, vacant lots, businesses or any properties upon which public nuisance activity and/or crime problems, including transient activity, drug activity, prostitution, graffiti, or general trespass are occurring.

In conjunction with this form, it is strongly suggested, although not required, that the property be posted with a sign indicating:

A Letter of Agency has been filed with the San Diego Police Department;
The address of the property;
The words "No Trespassing; and
Who the property is managed by and/or who to call to report problems or concerns.

Downtown Unattended Property

If you notice unattended property on public sidewalks Downtown, you may report it to the Downtown San Diego Partnership's Clean and Safe Program. See the public notice to the right for full details.



NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Property left unattended in the public right of way (sidewalk, curb, doorways, driveways, etc.) for more than 3 hours may be relocated.

In collaboration with the City of San Diego, ACLU, San Diego Housing Commission and Girls Think Tank, the Downtown San Diego Partnership Clean and Safe program will be implementing the following process effective February 1, 2015, with the goal of keeping individuals belongings safe and maintaining the safety and cleanliness of our streets.

**If you received a Notice of Unattended Property Removal
please visit the Girls Think Tank Transitional Storage Center
located at**

252 16th Street, San Diego, CA 9210

(in the parking lot on 16th near the corner of 16th and K)

Collected unattended property can be retrieved by its owner from the **FREE** GTT Transitional Storage Center between the hours of 7am - 11am and 4:30pm - 7:30pm,
Monday – Friday, and 8 am – 12 noon on Saturday.

Property not collected within 90 days will be discarded by Downtown San Diego Partnership

If you have any questions, please contact the DSDP Clean & Safe at 619-234-8900.

Tracking Todd



1. Todd stands up against wage theft with local workers and leaders.
2. Todd chats with a neighbor at CityFest.
3. Improving conditions for working families was the topic of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance's convention where Todd spoke.
4. Todd was honored by the Sierra Club for his environmental leadership thanks to his work on the Climate Action Plan.
5. Members of North Park Main Street received an update from Todd at the organization's August meeting and shared their concerns with him.

Councilmember Todd Gloria serves on the following:

Chair, Budget and Government Efficiency Committee
 Member, Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee
 Member, Environment Committee
 Member, Smart Growth and Land Use Committee
 Chair, San Diego Regional Continuum of Care Governance Board

Chair Pro Tem, Metropolitan Transit System Board
 Member, San Diego Association of Governments Board
 Chair, SANDAG Transportation Committee
 Member, SANDAG Executive Committee
 Liaison, Civic San Diego

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