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Homelessness Action Week Marks Progress

The San Diego City Council proclaimed January 25-30, 2016 Homelessness Action Week. Councilmember Todd Gloria presented at the City Council meeting to Dolores Diaz from the Regional Task Force on the Homeless and Rick Gentry from the San Diego Housing Commission, who accepted the recognition and shared brief remarks.

Councilmember Gloria, who chairs the Regional Continuum of Care Council, brought forward the proclamation to bring attention to the ongoing countywide collaborative efforts to address homelessness, and to highlight two critical annual events that were scheduled for the last week of January.

Project Homeless Connect took place Wednesday, January 27 and provided a number of services at Golden Hall to approximately 1,215 homeless San Diegans. WeALLCount, the annual Point in Time Count of homeless individuals in the region mandated by the federal government for funding eligibility, took place at 4:00 a.m. on Friday, January 29. Councilmember Gloria joined more than 1,700 volunteers to survey the homeless population in various communities throughout the County.

"The Point in Time Count is perhaps the most critical component on the path to ending homelessness: being aware of the scope of our homelessness problem here in San Diego and learning what challenges these individuals face," said Councilmember Gloria. "Results translate into millions of dollars in federal

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Be Prepared for the Next Storm

After a few showers that were forecast to be far worse, San Diego finally saw in January what El Nino can bring: strong and prolonged rains, winds, and floods.

As a region known for its nice weather, San Diego got a wake up call from those major storms. Before any more hit, take the time and prepare.

Protect your property from flooding with sandbags. Unfilled sandbags (limit 10) are available at local fire stations. Please note: sand may not be removed from local beaches to fill the bags.

Call 619-235-1000 or submit an online form at sandiego.gov/el-nino to report blocked storm drains.

When trash and debris clog the storm drains, rainwater and run off have no place to go, and flash floods can occur. Prior to the initial El Nino storm earlier this year, City staff cleaned out flood channels and storm drains, which prevented damage from being worse in many locations.

Sign up for Alert San Diego at readysandiego.org/alertsandiego to receive notifications of weather warnings and other dangerous conditions.

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SANDAG Calling for Input on Community Priorities

The 18 cities in the region and the County – working together as the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) – are considering placing a measure on the November ballot to fund infrastructure throughout the region by raising the regional sales tax by up to one-half cent. SANDAG is gathering ideas from the public on what should be included in the measure if one does get placed on the ballot.

SANDAG has been doing these types of projects and programs for decades. Since 1988, SANDAG has administered TransNet, the voter-approved half-cent sales tax for transportation. These funds have supported completion of more than 650 highway, transit, bike and pedestrian, habitat conservation, local street repair, and grant projects and programs that have kept San Diego moving forward. TransNet also provides direct funding for local communities, including ours, to help pay for important projects and programs, including fixing potholes and building light rail lines and bikeways.

A ballot measure could raise billions of dollars to fund these types of needed improvements throughout the region. You can help SANDAG by sharing your priorities and suggesting new ideas for regional transportation and infrastructure and other important needs at sandag.org/priorities.

Take a quick online survey about the types of projects and programs that are most important to you by visiting sandag.org/priorities.

You can also provide your input in person at SANDAG Board and Committee meetings:

Thursday, March 10 at 10 a.m. – SANDAG Board of Directors Retreat

Friday, March 25 at 9 a.m. – SANDAG Board of Directors meeting

Meetings take place in the 7th floor SANDAG Board Room at 401 B Street in San Diego, except the SANDAG Board Retreat, which will be held at Barona, 1932 Wildcat Canyon Road, Lakeside 92040.

This is everyone's opportunity to weigh in with your priorities and ideas.

Storm Preparedness *(continued from page 1)*

Be mindful that 9-1-1 should only be called for an emergency. The City's first responders are especially busy during such difficult storm conditions, so be mindful about where you report your concerns.

Extreme flooding and fallen trees blocking roadways should be reported to the City's emergency dispatch center, 619-527-7500. Gas emergencies and downed electrical lines should be reported to SDG&E, 1 (800) 611-7343

If your property is in a flood zone, have critical items (medications, etc.) ready before a storm hits and leave early if flooding is forecast. If you cannot see the pavement because of pooling water on a road, do not attempt to drive through it.

Stay updated on road closures and flooded areas by following 2-1-1 San Diego on social media, or call 2-1-1 for non-emergency storm assistance options.

With the El Nino winter upon San Diego, the decision has been made to expand the availability of empty sandbags to every fire station and select lifeguard stations. In addition, the Fire-Rescue Department increased its reserve of empty sandbags to restock these facilities.

If you need sandbags to help protect your property from flooding and other storm damage, visit your local fire station. Keep in mind that it is illegal to remove sand from San Diego beaches for this use, so plan to fill them elsewhere.

For a complete list of fire stations offering sandbags, please visit <http://www.sandiego.gov/fire/about/firestations/index.shtml> For more tips on storm preparation, please visit sandiego.gov/el-nino.



Community Connection: The Todd Squad is Working for You

Strengthening Public Safety

- Maintenance was done to clear the Washington Street channel of all brush and foliage.
- Debris was cleared from a storm drain at 2704 Felton Street.
- Additional SDPD motor officers were deployed in Hillcrest to increase pedestrian safety in response to complaints about aggressive drivers.
- A hazardous tree was removed from the 3000 block of Meade Avenue.
- New crosswalks were installed at Fern Street and Ivy Street in South Park and Granada Avenue and North Park Way in North Park. *(see photo)*
- A street light was repaired at Illinois Street and University Avenue.
- Graffiti was removed from 2235 University Avenue.

Infrastructure Investment

- Repairs were made to the alley south of Adams Avenue between Oregon Street and Idaho Street.
- Potholes were filled at University Avenue and 30th Street and University Avenue and Texas Street.
- Sidewalks were repaired at Utah Street and North Park Way.

Community Character

- Trees on the 3700 block of 7th Avenue were trimmed.
- Illegally dumped furniture was removed from the 1600 block of Pershing Drive and on B Street between 29th Street & 30th Street.
- A trash can was repaired at North Park Way and 29th Street.



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funding for local agencies like the City of San Diego and the Regional Continuum of Care Council, who can work to provide targeted services based upon need.”

Further, before the City Council meeting, Councilmember Gloria spoke at the County Board of Supervisors meeting and advocated for increased funding for the Behavioral Health Services Division of the Health and Human Services Agency. The County approved an increase of \$5.5 million for homeless outreach, engagement, and treatment.

“The City and County have strengthened our collaborative efforts to address homelessness throughout our region. The additional funding approved by the County today will help connect more homeless individuals to the services they need, and I know our continued partnership will bring more progress in the months and years ahead,” said Councilmember Gloria.

Councilmember Todd Gloria applauded the San Diego County Board of Supervisors for taking action to provide intensive services to all severely mentally ill homeless individuals through a new initiative called “Project One for All.” The initiative aims to provide intensive wraparound services for homeless individuals with serious mental illness who are eligible for supportive housing.

“The County’s commitment is a significant and critical step toward ending homelessness throughout the region,” said Councilmember Gloria. “Connecting these individuals to the services they need will improve their lives and give them the greatest opportunity to end the cycle of homelessness that many have endured for decades. The reasons that lead to homelessness are varied, which can make ending it exceptionally difficult. Combined with our implementation of Housing First, focusing on the needs of individual populations as the County is doing with the severely mentally ill and as the Mayor and I am doing with veterans, will make a tremendous difference for the individuals directly impacted and for the region as a whole.”



Tracking Todd



1. Todd joins State Treasurer John Chiang to feed the lucky lions for a Chinese New Year celebration at Jasmine Restaurant. 2. Todd greets parade goers at the 36th Annual Martin Luther King Parade Downtown. 3. Students from St. Augustine in North Park get an impromptu lesson in civics at City Hall. 4. Todd interviews a homeless individual as part of the City's annual Point in Time Count. 5. Todd welcomes dozens of neighbors to an open house workshop held by SANDAG on the proposed Pershing Bikeway Project.

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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