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## City Breaks Ground On Bayside Fire Station

By Councilmember Todd Gloria

This month, I joined Mayor Faulconer, Fire-Rescue Chief Brian Fennessy, and other civic partners in breaking ground on the Bayside Fire Station in Little Italy. Located on the corner of Pacific Highway and Cedar Street, the new station will provide crucial emergency services to the Downtown communities near the waterfront.

Downtown is a neighborhood, and all great neighborhoods need services in order to thrive. As we anticipate the residential population Downtown to grow from 35,000 today to about 90,000 in the near future, the City must do its part to make sure that growth comes with more resources for public safety, parks, and other vital services. One of my proudest moments in office was opening the new San Diego Central Library a few years ago. With Fault Line Park opening last year and the grand opening of Horton Plaza Park expected in May, I remain committed to making sure Downtown has the facilities it needs to continue along its remarkable trajectory.



The Bayside Fire Station is the first fire station to be built in Downtown since 1971, when the original Fire Station 2 was closed and combined with Fire Station 1. The facility's location west of the train tracks will significantly reduce emergency response times, making Downtown safer for residents, workers, and

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## Hillcrest Farmers Market Now Featuring Craft Beer

Councilmember Gloria joined the Hillcrest Business Association in holding San Diego County's first craft beer tasting at a farmers market thanks to new legislation from the state. Assembly Bill 774 allows for customers of farmers markets to sample locally crafted beers before purchase, just as they would fresh vegetables or fruits. The bill was passed last year and went into effect January 1, 2016.

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## Join Councilmember Gloria for Coffee in Downtown

May 21, 9:00—10:30 a.m.

Henry E. Mills House  
1642 7th Avenue



## State Passes \$15 Minimum Wage, Complements Local Measure

On Cesar Chavez Day, March 31, the California State Legislature voted to increase the state minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2022. The measure provides a clear path to address concerns of income inequality for our state's workers. The City of San Diego demonstrated strong leadership to address this critical issue when its Council originally voted to raise the wage two years ago.

"I commend the Governor, the Legislature and advocates for working together to create this bold proposal for California. This historic announcement by Governor Brown is an affirmation of the leadership San Diego showed when our City passed a measure for higher wages in 2014 to help working families make ends meet," said Councilmember Gloria. "Workers are in need of these wages now and it is important that we secure a local increase in order to help San Diegans pay for rent, food and other everyday household expenses."

In 2014, the San Diego City Council approved a City-wide minimum wage increase to \$11.50 per hour and five earned sick days. The measure was subjected to a referendum and will be left to the voters to decide. The state currently provides up to three earned sick days for workers and additional days are not a part of the state-wide wage proposal. The City Council measure raises the minimum wage to \$10.50 per hour immediately and to \$11.50 per hour on January 1, 2017. As approved, the statewide measure will not reach these wages until 2018.

The City of San Diego minimum wage increase will be decided by the voters and has been placed on the June 7 ballot as Proposition I.

## Council Approves Joint Use Agreement for McKinley Elementary

Councilmember Todd Gloria led his Council colleagues in unanimously approving a joint use agreement with San Diego Unified School District for the field at McKinley Elementary. The agreement allows the field at the North Park school to be used by the general public outside of school hours. The District will construct the improvement, while the City will operate and maintain the joint use facilities for the entire term of the 25-year agreement.

The joint use agreement comes after years of public outreach during which Councilmember Gloria, the District, and City staff coordinated the joint use design with the community and school. The project scope includes a 2.52 acre natural turf field with shade trees, a drinking fountain, and hard courts. An area outside the fence, popular with neighborhood pet owners, will remain open and available to the community. The cost of the improvements is estimated at \$2.2 million.

Per the agreement, members of the public may enjoy the recreational areas inside the school fence 30 minutes after school up until 30 minutes prior to school going into session, as well as on weekends and holidays.

"This agreement is a win for McKinley students and families as well as for residents in the surrounding neighborhood," Councilmember Gloria said. "It is increasingly difficult to find new park space to add for the growing populations in our urban communities, so I am grateful for partnerships with the School District to optimize use of their space and make it available for all to enjoy when school is out of session."



*The General Development Plan for the park is pictured above.*

Amenities at the joint use field will include:

- A natural turf field with irrigation
- One baseball backstop
- An expanded asphalt-concrete play area with play court markings
- A decomposed granite running path
- Security gates and fencing
- New shade trees

The District plans to begin construction in the spring and anticipates having the park open by the end of the year.



# Community Connection: The Todd Squad is Working for You

## Strengthening Public Safety

- Several street lights were repaired on 30th Street south of Adams Avenue.
- Graffiti was removed from the gateway monument at the intersection of 28th Street and Upas Street, the alley behind 2420 Lincoln Avenue, and 2011 El Cajon Boulevard.
- Crosswalks and a new all-way stop sign were installed at 4th Avenue and Spruce Street.
- A motorhome parking illegally overnight at 2227 Wightman Street was abated.

## Infrastructure Investment

- Curbs along 26<sup>th</sup> Street from Pershing Drive to Golf Course Drive were replaced.
- Potholes were repaired at University Avenue and Texas Street.
- Major repairs were completed on the alley behind 3776 31st Street.
- Sidewalks were replaced on the north side of University Avenue between 30th Street and Ohio Street.

- Sidewalk panels were replaced along University Avenue from Granada Avenue and Ohio Street.

## Community Character

- A plaque honoring long time North Park Little League coach, Joe Schloss, was mounted in his honor on the snack shack at Morley Field.
- Improvements were added to Grape Street Dog Park including a mini-agility course and a "Free Fido Library."
- An illegally installed red curb was removed at 3rd Avenue and Upas Street.



## Project Update: University Avenue Red Sidewalks Replacement

The University Avenue Red Sidewalk Replacement Project is nearly finished, much to the delight of patrons who frequent the popular business district. The special treatment red sidewalks on the north side of University Avenue between 30th Street and Ohio Street were entirely replaced. Although the sidewalks were only a few decades old, several locations along the business district had degraded, causing trip hazards.

The infrastructure improvement was funded in part by the North Park Maintenance Assessment District and is a \$300,000 investment in North Park's infrastructure. Work beyond the sidewalk replacement included the addition of root barriers for street trees to make sure the sidewalks are kept in good condition for years to come.

Aside from the major sidewalk replacement, select panels along the entire length of University Avenue between Granada Avenue and Ohio Street were also replaced. The project is anticipated to be completed this month.



## Celebrate at EarthFair 2016 in Balboa Park on April 17

Councilmember Gloria invites you to attend EarthFair 2016, which is being held on April 17 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in Balboa Park. EarthFair, is the largest free environmental fair in the world. This year's fair will commemorate the 27th annual event, which brings tens of thousands of visitors to San Diego's premier park. Each year, the EarthFair hosts over 60,000 visitors.

Produced by hundreds of volunteers, EarthFair 2016 will feature more than 300 exhibitors, special theme areas, a food pavilion, a children's activity area, five entertainment venues, the Children's Earth Parade, the "eARTH Gallery" art show, and the Cleaner Car Concourse.

# How Should the City Spend Your Tax Dollars?

## Let Your Voice Be Heard During Annual Budget Hearings

As Chairman of the Budget and Government Efficiency Committee for his sixth consecutive year, Councilmember Todd Gloria wants to hear from you on the City's budget. The City budget is \$3.2 billion annually and outlines the City's funding priorities among San Diego's many competing needs. The City is responsible for a broad array of services from repairing roads and sidewalks, to providing police officers, and building new parks. Community members are encouraged to get involved in the process and advocate for areas where they would like to see more funding allocated.

Following the release of the budget on April 15, the City Council will meet as the Budget Review Committee for in-depth discussions about the budget for each department. Councilmember Todd Gloria will lead the City Council in holding the hearings from May 4th through May 10th. A schedule for the hearing dates and times is included on the following page.

After the Budget Review Hearings, the Mayor will revise the budget to reflect feedback from the community and City Council. Once the Mayor releases his May revision, the Council is charged with reviewing it and adopting a final budget by June of each year. San Diego's many neighborhoods each have very unique needs and City leaders have aimed to make the budget process transparent and inclusive of the public.

All meetings will be held in the Council Chambers on the 12th floor of the City Administration Building, 202 C Street. The hearings are open to the public and members of the community may attend and provide input. If you have questions, concerns, or comments on the budget, please share them by attending one of the meetings below or by emailing [ToddGloria@sandiego.gov](mailto:ToddGloria@sandiego.gov).



## Key Budget Dates and Council Hearings

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2016, 2:00 p.m.**

Mayor releases FY 2017 Proposed Budget

### **MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2016**

Mayor presents FY 2017 Proposed Budget to City Council

### **MONDAY, MAY 4-10, 2016, 9:00 a.m.; 2:00 p.m.**

Budget Review Committee Hearings

### **MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016, 6:00 p.m.**

City Council meeting for public input on FY 2017 Proposed Budget

### **TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016**

Mayor releases May Revise to the FY 2017 Proposed Budget

### **THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016, 2:00 p.m.**

Mayor presents May Revise to the FY 2017 Proposed Budget to City Council

### **MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016, 6:00 p.m.**

City Council decisions on Final FY 2017 budget and review of FY 2016 Year-End Monitoring Report

# City Budget Review Hearing Calendar

## **May 4, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

- Introduction from the Chief Operating Officer
- Independent Budget Analyst's (IBA) Review of the Proposed Budget
- Police
- Fire-Rescue (Including EMS)
- Office of Homeland Security

## **May 4, 2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.**

- San Diego Convention Center Corporation
- Overview from the Chief Financial Officer — Finance Branch (City Treasurer, Risk Management, Financial Management, Citywide Program Expenditures)
- Office of the Assistant Chief Operating Officer
- Corporate Partnerships and Development
- ADA Compliance and Accessibility
- Special Events
- Performance and Analytics

## **May 5, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

- Overview from the Deputy Chief Operating Officer — Infrastructure/Public Works Branch
- Capital Improvement Program, Part I
- IBA Report: Infrastructure Overview

## **May 5, 2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.**

- Public Works — General Services (Facilities, Publishing Services)
- Public Works — Engineering and Capital Projects
- Public Works — Contracting
- Public Utilities
- Transportation and Storm Water (Right-of-Way Coordination, Storm Water, Streets Division, Transportation Engineering Operations)
- Environmental Services

## **May 9, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

- Overview from the Deputy Chief Operating Officer — Neighborhood Services Branch
- Library
- Park and Recreation
- Development Services Department (including Neighborhood Code Compliance)
- Planning Department
- Economic Development
- Commission for Arts and Culture (including Special Promotional Programs)

## **May 9, 2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.**

- Overview from the Deputy Chief Operating Officer — Internal Operations
- Fleet Services
- Real Estate Assets (including Qualcomm Stadium, Petco Park, Airports)
- Purchasing and Contracting (including Equal Opportunity Contracting)
- Department of Information Technology
- Human Resources

## **May 10, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

- Housing Commission
- Civic San Diego and Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency
- City Auditor
- City Clerk

## **May 10, 2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.**

- San Diego City Employees Retirement System
- City Attorney
- Civil Service Commission (including Personnel)
- Ethics Commission
- Communications Department





## April is Fair Housing Month

Councilmember Gloria will be proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month in City of San Diego in commemoration of the passage of the Fair Housing Act. San Diego joins major cities and organizations across the country in recognizing the landmark legislation. The Fair Housing Act banned discrimination in the sale or rental of housing based on race, color, sex, religion, national origin, familial status, or disability. President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Fair Housing Act into law on April 11, 1968 as part of the Civil Rights Act.

Since its passage, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, and countless other state agencies, local governments, and community members have dedicated significant resources towards fair housing. The City of San Diego, through its Practice Fair Housing program in partnership with the Legal Aid Society of San Diego and the Housing Opportunities Collaborative, continues to highlight the federal and state fair housing laws by addressing housing discrimination in the City and supporting programs that educate the public about the right to equal housing opportunities.

### **Free Fair Housing Training for Housing Providers**

*The Fair Housing Center of the Legal Aid Society of San Diego is holding a free training on state and federal housing laws.*

- April 7 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- San Diego Central Library  
330 Park Boulevard
- Register free at 619-471-

## Infrastructure Improvements in Golden Hill

An important road connecting the Greater Golden Hill community to Downtown through Balboa Park received a major infrastructure improvement last month. The Council District Three Office worked with the City's Streets Division to have the curbs along the entire stretch of 26th Street from Pershing Drive to Golf Course Drive replaced.

The curbs had deteriorated and were well overdue for replacement. These repairs will enhance safety for all people who travel along 26th Street, as many pedestrians and cyclists use the path separated by the barrier. Aside from the benefits to safety, storm water management has also been improved by the project. The new curbs help to set the stage for the Park and Recreation Department to further restore the well-used trail along 26th Street.



## Balboa Park Gets Even Greener with Six New LEED Certifications



Councilmember Gloria joined several of Balboa Park's institutions to celebrate the LEED certification of six buildings in Balboa Park. The buildings each achieved LEED Silver certification based on energy efficiency measures that have been implemented. The newly certified buildings include Casa de Balboa, Casa del Prado, Federal Building, House of Charm, Reuben H. Fleet Science Center (re-certification), and the Old Globe Theatre.

"Balboa Park is San Diego's jewel so it makes perfect sense to me that its institutions would lead in helping the City meet its Climate Action Plan goals," Councilmember Gloria said. As part of its recently adopted Climate Action Plan, the City committed to use 100% renewable energy to get to the broader goal of decreasing the City's greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2035.

## Craft Beer at Farmers Markets *(continued from page 1)*

"Craft beer is part of San Diego's culture, so I'm so excited to see the state providing this wonderful new opportunity to farmers markets in California and for local markets, like the one in Hillcrest, taking advantage of it," said Councilmember Gloria. "Laws like AB 774 add to San Diego's economic development as now patrons of farmers markets can taste and buy craft beer produced down the street."

The first round of craft beer was served at the weekly market on March 13. Councilmember Gloria was joined by Mayor Kevin

Faulconer, Hillcrest Business Association (HBA) Board President Tami Daiber, HBA staff, and Hillcrest Brewing Company Co-owner Joey Arruda. The market will continue to pour samples every Sunday and plans to highlight more of San Diego's many craft brewers.



Prior to the bill's passage, farmers markets could permit winegrowers, but not craft brewers. The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control will oversee the distribution of farmers market permits applied for by brewers. The permit can be obtained for a fee of \$50 and the vendor is subject to conditions.

The Hillcrest Farmers Market is currently the only farmers market serving samples in San Diego, though many popular markets such as Little Italy and North Park could be soon to follow. The market is open every Sunday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in Hillcrest at the intersection of Normal Street and University Avenue.

## Bayside Fire Station *(continued from page 1)*



visitors. The 25,000 square-foot facility is a \$14.6 million investment in providing the necessary infrastructure to support Downtown's growth. The facility will support our Climate Action Plan, boasting a LEED Silver rating, as it contains natural light throughout and solar panels.

Beyond the inherent public safety benefits, the project also includes repairs to the surrounding roads including Pacific Highway and Cedar Street, upgraded traffic signals, and improved pedestrian sidewalks, walkways, and streetscape enhancements. The project will also feature stepped concrete benches to create an informal gathering area for visitors and pedestrians and a small plaza complementary to the County Administration Building's courtyard.

I'm excited about the change I am seeing throughout the District and I think Downtown's best years lie ahead. There are a number of ambitious developments in the works that will change San Diego's skyline, as well as many public projects like the 4.1 acre East Village Green. I see this groundbreaking as another step towards continuing to leave our great City better than I found it.



# Tracking Todd

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1. Todd joined the Imperial Court de San Diego in distributing hundreds of donated Easter baskets at the annual Trolley Barn Park Easter egg hunt.

2. Todd and Congresswoman Susan Davis honor outgoing Hillcrest Town Council President Luke Terpstra.

3. Todd kicks off the Third Annual Bikes and Beers event in the East Village before embarking on the 22-mile ride around San Diego's best neighborhoods himself.

4. Todd poses with students from the University of San Diego after an informative discussion on social justice issues.

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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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