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San Diego Voters Approve Minimum Wage Increase By Councilmember Todd Gloria

The City of San Diego’s measure to increase the local minimum wage and provide a minimum of five earned sick days to all workers in the City was approved by voters in the June election. The measure, identified as Proposition I on the ballot, was approved by 63% of voters and the law is set to take effect July 11, 2016, pending the City Council’s approval of the certified election results.

I am proud to have the public’s support in upholding the City Council’s 2014 decision to increase the minimum wage in our great City. I believe most San Diegans understand that no one who works full time should have to live in poverty. San Diego voters have chosen to stand with working families to ensure they have access to a decent wage and necessary sick days.

<i>San Diego and State Minimum Wage Increases</i>		
Year	San Diego	California
July, 2016	\$10.50	\$10.00
2017	\$11.50	\$10.50
2018	-	\$11.00
2019	\$11.82*	\$12.00
2020	\$12.15*	\$13.00
2021	\$12.49*	\$14.00
2022	\$12.84	\$15.00

* Assumes 2.8% growth in Consumer Price Index.
Source: Center on Policy Initiatives.

I introduced the City’s Earned Sick Leave and Minimum Wage Ordinance in 2014 after conducting considerable stakeholder outreach and it was approved by the City Council later that year. A referendum forced the issue onto the next municipal election which was held on June 7, 2016.

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City Council Unanimously Approves City Budget

Councilmember Todd Gloria, in his sixth and final year as Chair of the Budget and Government Efficiency Committee, announced the City Council’s approval of the Fiscal Year 2017 budget with a General Fund of \$1.32 billion. The budget was approved unanimously by the Council for the second consecutive year.

“The City’s approved budget dedicates vital funding to our City’s crown jewel, Balboa Park, local streets and roads, neighborhood libraries, and arts and culture,” said Councilmember Todd Gloria. “I am excited to see funding allocated towards critical needs like infrastructure, addressing our police department’s

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**Join Councilmember Gloria for
Coffee in Normal Heights**
July 23, 11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
Lestat’s Coffee House
3343 Adams Avenue



San Diego Stands Strong with Orlando

Councilmember Todd Gloria joined regional leaders and thousands of San Diegans at two vigils in Hillcrest to pay respect to the victims of the mass shooting which took place in Orlando, Florida. “The brutal massacre in Orlando which took 49 innocent lives and injured 53 more was an attack on all Americans and our values of freedom and inclusion that are the foundation of our nation” said Councilmember Gloria. “I ask San Diegans to keep the victims and their loved ones in their hearts.”

Councilmember Gloria maintained close communication with the Mayor’s Office, San Diego Police Chief Shelly Zimmerman, and local LGBT leaders and business owners in the days following the shooting to ensure public safety. Steps have been taken to maximize preparedness ahead of a busy July that will bring thousands of visitors into our City, including what is expected to be one of the City’s biggest Pride celebrations on July 16 and 17. Chief Zimmerman has urged members of the community to be aware of their surroundings and report and suspicious behavior to the authorities immediately.

“We will protect our residents as we stand in solidarity with people across the nation mourning these tragic events, and it will be our resolve as Americans that defines us,” said Councilmember Gloria. “Freedom and love will always prevail over terror and hate.”



Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness

By Councilmember Todd Gloria

Few issues in my experience draw as much sympathy, frustration and passion as homelessness. It is a problem that touches us all and for which all community members are desperate for a solution. I believe strongly that no person should have to live on the streets. As Council member for District Three, one of the most impacted areas in the county, and as the chair of the regional body that administers San Diego’s share of federal homeless dollars, I am confident that the way we end homelessness is through the housing first model, which prioritizes getting homeless people housed quickly rather than focusing on temporary shelter or interventions.

It is often one’s experiences with the homeless that inform how they approach the issue. Many volunteer to distribute meals once a week or build relationships with local homeless they see day to day, giving them a few dollars or leftovers in hope of making their unfortunate circumstances a little better. Others are homeowners or people running small businesses who sympathize with the homeless, but feel uncomfortable with a temporary shelter or tent in front of their properties. Some residents have experiences they’ve shared where they feel unsafe and their first reaction is to call the police to help.

These reactions are understandable, but we must separate illegal activity in our neighborhoods from persons who are experiencing homelessness. It is not illegal to be homeless. The police are charged with protecting our communities and keeping us all safe, and I encourage San Diegans to call the police when illegal activity is occurring. However, our officers’ duty is to enforce the law, not to clear the streets of people who are homeless. Moving a homeless individual along who has committed no crime is not only a violation of that person’s civil rights, it also doesn’t address the problem and simply shifts it somewhere else.

We must avoid the pitfall of thinking that criminalizing homelessness is a solution, and focus on underlying issues to break the cycle of homelessness for our most vulnerable neighbors. The San Diego Police Department is composed of some of the most hardworking and caring individuals I have had the honor of working with during my time at the city. It is unfair to San Diego’s residents, our officers and to San Diego’s unhoused population to expect law enforcement to solve this problem. Ultimately, it is myself, the mayor and other regional leaders who need to provide the housing, the mental health and substance-abuse services and the policy direction to implement a strategy that helps us end homelessness.

The housing first model is working to address this issue in states and cities around the nation, who are declaring an end to homelessness. The key tenet of this model is to place individuals not in a temporary shelter but into permanent housing as quickly as possible. Housing is supplemented by wraparound services, including case management, mental health counseling and job training, to help individuals overcome issues that are impeding their path toward life off the streets.

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Community Connection: The Todd Squad is Working for You

Strengthening Public Safety

- New stop signs were installed at 8th Ave. and Robinson Ave. in Hillcrest and at Herbert St. and Myrtle Ave. in Marston Hills.
- A street light was repaired at Juniper St. and Fern St.
- Graffiti was abated at 2906 B St., 2724 El Cajon Blvd., and the alley behind 3255 University Ave.
- Safety improvements were made to the pavement striping in the right of way on the 2400 block of Boundary St.

Infrastructure Investment

- A water meter cover was repaired at 2767 Dale St.
- A missing valve cover at 1st St. and A St. exposing an open drain was repaired.

- Plumbing repairs were made at Bud Kearns Pool.
- Major potholes were repaired at 1545 30th St. and 3677 Nile St.
- A water leak was repaired in Florida Canyon.

Community Character

- Provecho on 30th Street and Salvucci's Village on J Street both completed projects as part of the City's Storefront Improvement Program.
- Illegally dumped furniture was removed from the alley behind 3901 Adams Ave.
- Dumpsters were removed from the right of way in front of 3526 Georgia St. and 2919 Gunn St.

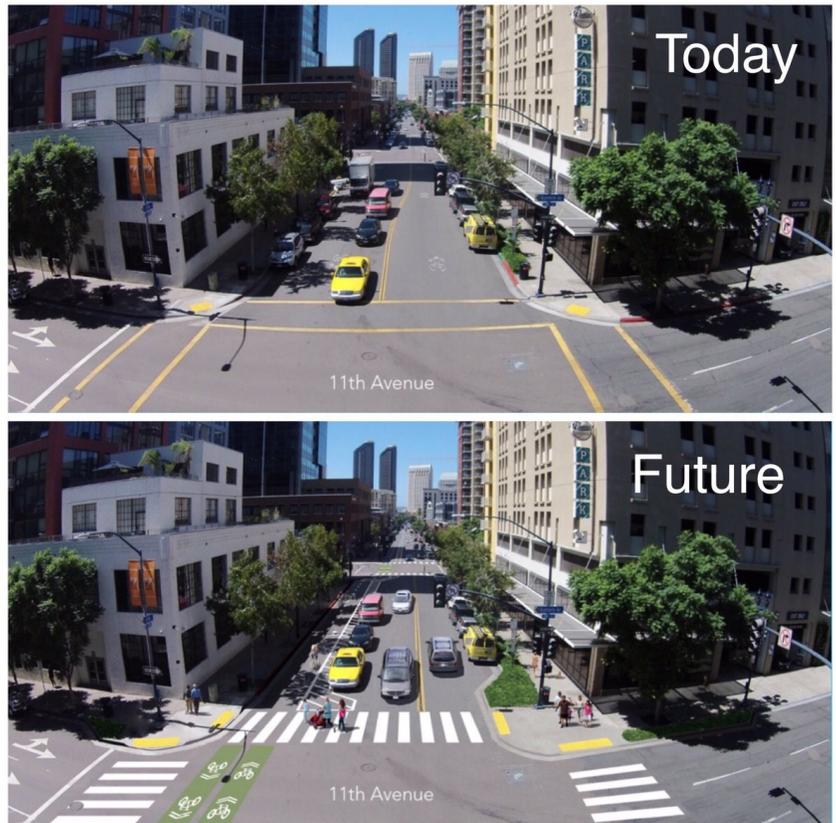
City Council Approves Downtown Mobility Plan

Last month, Councilmember Gloria led his colleagues on the City Council to unanimously approve the Downtown Mobility Plan in full. The plan, which will help the City implement its Climate Action Plan, establishes policies, programs, and projects that will improve overall mobility throughout the Downtown San Diego neighborhoods. The mobility plan also supports the Council endorsed initiative, Vision Zero, which aims to eliminate roadway fatalities to zero through thoughtful street design that prioritizes safety for all users.

A major goal of the plan is to encourage biking and walking for commuters and people taking short trips. By providing increased transportation options in one of San Diego's densest neighborhoods, the City intends to reduce reliance on single occupancy vehicle trips which can reduce greenhouse gas emissions, congestion, and parking demand. The mobility plan aims to connect desirable destinations like public parks, main shopping areas, entertainment, major attractions, the waterfront, surrounding communities, and the regional transit network.

The plan proposes nine miles of protected bike lanes and five miles of pedestrian promenades, or greenways, to be implemented over the 30 year scope of the plan. Protected bike lanes are proposed on Pacific Hwy., State St., 4th Ave., 5th Ave., 6th Ave., Park Blvd., J St., C St., Broadway, and Beech St. The bike lane on Harbor Dr. and the bike path along the bay are also proposed to be extended. The majority of the bike projects will be implemented over the next 36 months in order to provide a connected network all at once.

Although the pedestrian and bicycle facilities are heavily highlighted in the plan, it also features projects to create 600 new parking spaces to Downtown through a new parking garage in the East Village and angled parking conversions. The plan is not exhaustive in its analysis of additional parking opportunities, so it is likely several more spaces could be created as projects are implemented.



San Diego Voters Approve Minimum Wage Increase *(continued from page 1)*

Upon the measure going into effect, the City's minimum wage will immediately increase to \$10.50 per hour and all workers will have the opportunity to earn a minimum of five sick days. On January 1, 2017 the minimum wage will increase to \$11.50. On January 1, 2019, the City's wage will be indexed to inflation. The proposal includes no exemptions and treats all industries and businesses the same.



"Voters supported this measure because they understand that San Diego is very expensive and we need a local solution that provides relief to our workers sooner," said Councilmember Gloria. "Over 170,000 San Diegans will almost immediately get a raise that will help them pay the rent and put food on the table, dollars that will be injected right back into the local economy."

The City Council approved \$400,000 for administration and enforcement of the law as part of the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget approval. The City's Earned Sick Leave and Minimum Wage Ordinance requires adoption of an implementing ordinance and the establishment of an enforcement office to receive and adjudicate complaints, provide noticing standards for employers, and set penalties for non-compliant businesses.

Items which will be covered in the implementing ordinance include:

- Establishing the enforcement office in the appropriate City department;
- Establishing a system to receive complaints in writing, online and by telephone in multiple languages, as well as a system to adjudicate complaints and order relief in cases of violations;
- Developing clear noticing policies in multiple languages so that workers will be made well aware of their rights and will be more likely to report non-compliant employers;
- Clarifying language regarding the award of sick leave to be more consistent with State law.

The enforcement office will be housed in the Office of the City Treasurer. A robust outreach campaign will be conducted so workers and employers understand what is expected under the new law. The City will update its minimum wage program website as it is available at <https://www.sandiego.gov/treasurer/minimum-wage-program>.

Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness *(continued from page 2)*

Connecticut, Phoenix and New Orleans have ended veteran homelessness using this strategy, and Utah reduced overall homelessness by 91 percent. Emulating this model, the city, in collaboration with the San Diego Housing Commission, this year unveiled a strategy to house 1,000 veterans, by augmenting federal vouchers and giving landlords incentives to get men and women who served our nation an opportunity to secure very limited housing inventory. The County Board of Supervisors is implementing Project One for All, a historic initiative that will provide housing and services to all seriously mentally ill homeless individuals in the county.

Nationally, San Diego County is fourth in homeless population with almost 9,000 individuals sleeping on our streets and in our shelters. Last year, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julian Castro visited an affordable housing project in San Diego and committed to taking a step toward re-evaluating the federal formula for homeless program funding for the first time in decades. Under the current formula, San Diego is 23rd in the amount of funding it receives compared with other cities. To meet our goals, it is vital to secure the necessary funding to provide housing and services.

When it comes to housing the homeless, calling the police, distributing meals or connecting them to a shelter for a few nights aren't real solutions. Programs like the San Diego Homeless Outreach Team and the Serial Inebriate Program work because they connect individuals with permanent supportive housing, and the services that can help end the cycle of homelessness for good. Meals and materials that are distributed should be connected with programs and services that can help address greater needs.

The way we end homelessness is not by making life *on* the streets marginally better, it is by working together, leveraging our resources and providing permanent supportive housing which gets people *off* the streets.

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retention and dispatcher issues, and implementing the will of 63% of voters that approved the City's minimum wage ordinance which will immediately help over 170,000 San Diegans make ends meet."

Councilmember Gloria advocated for several of the following budgetary priorities which were included in the approved budget:

- \$1.5 million for the rehabilitation of the Thompson Medical Library/Eddy Auditorium building at Balboa Park.
- \$350,000 for the replacement of 100 light posts within the Central Mesa of Balboa Park in Fiscal Year 2017.
- \$94,588 to fund an additional Grounds Maintenance Supervisor for Balboa Park to increase supervision of crews and enhance maintenance service levels in the park.
- \$400,000 for Earned Sick Leave and Minimum Wage Ordinance administration and enforcement as mandated by 63% of voters who approved the measure in the primary election.
- \$1.2 million towards the Penny for the Arts Blueprint goal, raising the City's contribution from 6.44% to approximately 7%.
- \$500,000 for additional programming at libraries throughout the City as recommended by the City's Independent Budget Analyst.

Councilmember Gloria requested that \$1.3 million from an upcoming \$90 million Citywide infrastructure bond be dedicated for necessary work to rehabilitate the Balboa Park Botanical Building with the balance of the funding for the project to be raised through private donations.



FY 2017 Budget: What's in it for District Three?

With \$3.3 billion dollars of spending planned for the coming fiscal year, it is easy to lose track of where all of that money is going. Below is a sample, broken up by department, of some improvements funded through the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget that will have a direct impact on you and the neighborhoods in Council District Three.

Park & Recreation

- \$3,240,000 for Capital Improvements in Balboa Park Including Lighting and Building Rehabilitations.
- \$500,000 for Improvements to the Balboa Park Golf Course.

Public Works – General Services

- \$759,600 for Americans with Disabilities Improvements in Greater Golden Hill, Greater North Park, and Uptown.

Transportation & Storm Water

- \$2,825,000 for Adams Ave., Adams North, Morley Field, Golden Hill and South Park, Mission Hills Northeast, North Park, and Uptown Storm Drain Replacements.
- \$1,260,000 for Installation of City Street Lights at:
 - o 1st Ave. and W. Harbor Dr., intersection lighting upgrade
 - o San Diego Ave. and Wright St.
 - o Brant St. and W. Spruce St. (pedestrian bridge entrance)
 - o Front St. north of W. Lewis St., east side

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- o Hawley Blvd. north of Madison Ave., west side
- o Hawley Blvd. south of Adams Ave., west side
- o Howard Ave. west of 30th St., at alley, south side
- o Howard Ave. west of Arizona St., at alley, south side
- o Howard Ave. west of Kansas St., at alley, south side
- o Howard Ave. west of Oregon St., at alley, south side
- o Iowa St. south of Adams Ave., west side
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- \$760,000 for enhanced crosswalks at:
 - o 6th Ave. at Juniper St.
 - o 6th Ave. at Grape St.
 - o 6th Ave. and Spruce St. (upgrade)
 - o Adams Ave. at 34th St.
 - o Fern St. at Beech St.
 - o Fern St. at Fir St.
 - o University Ave. at Albatross St.
 - o University Ave. at Front St.
 - o West Washington St. at Albatross St.

Tracking Todd



1. Todd welcomes Carnitas Snack Shack to Downtown at the grand opening for their new location on the waterfront.
2. Todd participates on a panel to discuss regional homelessness solutions hosted by the Voice of San Diego and Citizen's Coordinate for Century 3.
3. Todd recognizes Lynn Elliott for her work in planning the annual Bird Park Concerts for 14 years on behalf of the North Park Community Association.
4. Todd joins Samahan to celebrate the 118th Philippine Independence Day at the annual cultural festival in Balboa Park.
5. Todd cuts the ribbon at the City's third parklet at Moniker Warehouse in the East Village.
6. Todd and several players from North Park Little League dedicate the road to the baseball fields at Morley Field as Joe Schloss Way, in honor of Coach Joe's 60 years of coaching for the organization.



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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