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Parking Changes on the Way in Gaslamp Quarter

By Councilmember Todd Gloria

Earlier this month, I joined representatives from the Gaslamp Quarter Association, the San Diego Police Department, and Downtown small businesses to announce a pilot project to improve accessibility in the Gaslamp on weekend evenings. Starting Friday, September 2, 2016, all street parking on 5th Avenue from Broadway to Harbor Drive will be converted to a three minute passenger loading zone. The new parking regulations will be enforced every Friday and Saturday evening from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m.

The removal of parking along 5th Avenue during weekend evenings is going to significantly increase pedestrian safety and improve emergency vehicle access in the Gaslamp Quarter. Anyone who has been in the Gaslamp



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City Council Approves Buyer for Brad Truax House

In August, the San Diego City Council unanimously authorized the sale of the City-owned property located at 540 W. Laurel Street and 2513/2515 Union Street, which includes the Truax House, to Nakhshab Development and Design, Inc. for \$2,500,000.

In addition to being the highest offer received, the buyer intends to preserve the Truax House. The proposal includes dedicating the ground floor of the Truax House as a community center, with communal courtyard space, and a desire to create an access point for the community to Maple Canyon. The Truax House was recently designated as historic by the City's Historical Resources Board at their July 28 meeting.

"I'm delighted that the purchaser intends to preserve, restore, and memorialize the Truax House, as well as make the ground floor available for community purposes and work with the adjacent property owners to provide public access to Maple Canyon," said Councilmember Gloria. "The buyer, Soheil Nakhshab, has already demonstrated a commitment to preservation of the historic resource by submitting it through the Historical Resources Board for designation. It is clear Mr. Nakhshab has been

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Join Councilmember Gloria for Coffee in North Park

September 17, **Time Change* 2:00—3:30 p.m.

Communal Coffee - 2335 University Avenue



Minimum Wage Implementing Ordinance Effective in September

Beginning July 11, 2016, employees who perform at least two hours of work in one week must be paid wages of not less than \$10.50 per hour for all hours worked within the City's geographic boundaries. Employers must also either provide employees with no less than 40 hours of Earned Sick Leave per year. Employers may comply with this provision by providing no less than 40 hours of earned sick leave at the beginning of each benefit year or one hour of earned sick leave for every 30 hours worked by the employee. When using the accrual method, Employers may cap employees' total accrual of earned sick leave at 80 hours, and may cap an employee's use of earned sick leave at 40 hours per benefit year. San Diego's Earned Sick Leave and Minimum Wage Ordinance applies to adult and minor employees.

This month, the City's Implementing Ordinance for the Sick Leave and Minimum Wage Ordinance went into effect. Employees may file a civil lawsuit against their employers for any violation of the ordinances or may file a complaint with the City of San Diego's Minimum Wage Enforcement Office. The City may take any reasonable steps necessary to investigate possible alleged violations. The City is entitled to all legal and equitable relief to remedy any violation of the Ordinance, including the ability to award penalties of up to \$1,000 per violation, back wages, liquidated damages, reinstatement and other injunctive relief.

If you have questions, please contact your employer, visit the City of San Diego Minimum Wage Enforcement Office website at <https://www.sandiego.gov/treasurer/minimum-wageprogram>, or contact the City of San Diego's Minimum Wage Program via email at SDMinWage@sandiego.gov or via fax at (619) 533-3320.

U.S. Navy Names Vessel After LGBT Icon Harvey Milk

Councilmember Todd Gloria joined the United States Navy last month for a ceremony to name a naval vessel in honor of iconic LGBT civil rights leader and San Francisco City Supervisor Harvey Milk. Milk was a naval veteran who was stationed at Naval Base San Diego until being honorably discharged from service in 1955. The USNS Harvey Milk will be a Military Sealift Command Fleet Oiler, and the second of the John Lewis class of oilers, which will also include the USNS Sojourner Truth, USNS Robert F. Kennedy, USNS Lucy Stone, and USNS Earl Warren.

"Harvey Milk was a political force, who rallied people to take pride in their identity, empower themselves to have a voice in our democracy, and fight for freedom and equality for all in our society," said Councilmember Gloria. "Beyond his service to his country as an elected official and as a veteran, Harvey inspired those in the gay community and beyond to demand their rights and participate in politics in order to prove that America's diversity can be its greatest asset. The naming ceremony for the USNS Harvey Milk is a significant honor to the memory of a great figure in American history and a strong affirmation that all those who serve our country are worthy of our highest respect and praise."



Councilmember Todd Gloria, who in 2012 led the San Diego City Council in dedicating the first Harvey Milk Street in the United States, was invited by U.S. Navy Secretary Ray Mabus to attend the naming ceremony in San Francisco. Councilmember Gloria was among the San Diego delegation, which also included San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer, San Diego City Commissioner Nicole Murray-Ramirez, Robert H. Gleason, Bruce Abrams, Bob Lehman, and Ben Dillingham III. A major influence in the Navy's decision to dedicate the USNS Harvey Milk was a letter-writing campaign waged by San Diego LGBT leaders and communities across the nation encouraging the U.S. Navy to name a ship after Milk following the repeal of the U.S. Department of Defense's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy in 2011.

The USNS Harvey Milk will be constructed by General Dynamics NASSCO in San Diego and the expected completion date of the ship is 2018-2019.

Community Connection: The Todd Squad is Working for You

Strengthening Public Safety

- New all-way stop signs were approved for 29th Street and Ash Street, 9th Avenue and Beech Street, State Street and West Fir Street, India Street and West Ivy Street, India Street and West Juniper Street, Kettner Boulevard and West Ivy Street, Kettner Boulevard and West Juniper Street, and Columbia Street and West Elm Street.
- Graffiti was abated from a storm channel at 1516 26th Street

Infrastructure Investment

- Three city trees in front of the 3560 1st Avenue had outgrown their iron grates and their roots lifted the adjacent sidewalks which created dangerous tripping hazards. The grates were removed and the sidewalks were completely replaced.
- Bike lanes were installed along 26th Street between Pershing Drive and Golf Course Drive.
- Sidewalks damaged by street trees at 3822 Adams Avenue were replaced.



- Stump grinding was performed at 2636 A Street.
- Potholes were patched at the 2900 block of Beech Street and the 1500 block of Dale Street.
- A street light was repaired at 31st Street and University Avenue.
- Emergency repairs were made to a water meter at 3534 Florida Street.
- Potholes were repaired at the alley west of 4434 30th Street

Community Character

- Landscaping was trimmed and brush was abated at Richmond Street and Washington Street.
- A City recycling bin was relocated to accommodate better access to the sidewalks on the 4600 block of Park Boulevard.
- Weeds and debris were abated by Councilmember Gloria and 300 volunteers, as part of the SAVE STARLIGHT cleanup event for the Starlight Bowl in Balboa Park.
- Debris and street litter were abated as part of a “Dumpster Days” cleanup event in Burlingame.
- The signage welcoming visitors to Morley Field was replaced.
- A couch and debris were removed from behind the Golden Hill Recreation Center.



Hillcrest Puts Your Parking Meter Money to Work

Sidewalks, curbs and driveways are getting upgrades thanks to a successful partnership between the Uptown Community Parking District and the City of San Diego. Parking meter funds are being reinvested back into the community to pay for improvements to address crumbling curbs, old-unused driveways and trip hazards on the sidewalks in Hillcrest.

The parking district conducted an assessment of opportunities for improving parking and walking conditions throughout its communities. The district then worked with city traffic engineer, Joe Jimenez, to make the case for using parking funds to repair and replace these impediments. Improvements like sidewalk replacements and lighting upgrades in proximity of parking metered areas were clarified as applicable uses for meter funds through policy revisions to the Community Parking District Program developed by Councilmember Gloria and approved by the City Council in 2015.

Hillcrest will have eleven sites with fresh, beautiful walkways thanks to an investment of nearly \$215,000 back into the community. “These sidewalk repairs are a great example of community organizations and the City working cooperatively to provide needed improvements for our neighborhoods,” said Councilmember Gloria. “I thank the Uptown Parking District for collaborating with City staff and the Hillcrest Business Association to get this project done.”

With all the fabulous restaurants and shops in Hillcrest the City and the parking district are making it safe and easy to enjoy Hillcrest.



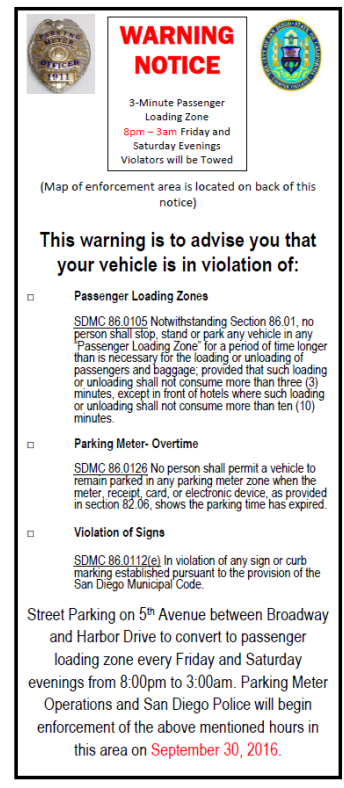
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on a Saturday night knows that the current configuration of backed up traffic and patrons being dropped off is untenable, so I applaud the community for working on this creative solution to improve access to San Diego's premier entertainment district.

The San Diego City Council approved the new rules in June earlier this year. The changes were initiated by community groups including the Gaslamp Quarter Association and the Downtown Community Parking District to address issues of pedestrian access, congestion, and safety. Similar traffic management plans are currently put in place on 5th Avenue during extremely busy events and holidays such as Halloween and New Year's Eve. The San Diego Police Department supported the two year pilot as it improves circulation in the area and provides for faster response times to address public safety concerns.

I am hopeful that this change will lead to similar projects to improve the visitor experience for pedestrians in the Gaslamp and build upon the successful destination the small businesses there have worked so hard to create. We also know this is a big change and don't want anyone to be caught off guard, so the City will be issuing notices to vehicles for the first three weeks of the program to phase in its enforcement.

Signage for the new pedestrian loading zone was installed in early September and the City began issuing notices the first weekend of September to all violating vehicles as part of a three week grace period. On September 30, vehicles parking in violation of the posted signage will be issued citations and impounded. SDPD officers will be focused on educating the public of the new rules and will use their discretion to ensure impounding of vehicles is only done as a last resort.



City Council Forwards 12 Measures to Voters for November Ballot

The San Diego City Council voted to place a total of 12 ballot measures before San Diego voters in the upcoming November general election. A majority of the measures were the product of the Charter Review Committee, a temporary committee setup by the Council to update the City's governing document that can only be amended by a vote of the people. The measures vary in subject matter, including a measure to allow San Diego High School to keep their leasehold, one that would reform our Citizens' Review Board on Police Practices, and another to maintain the City's ability to continue to build affordable housing units.

The Council was also given the opportunity to decide whether or not to print the two lengthy citizen initiatives for every voter at an additional cost of one million dollars. The majority of the Council voted to print the full text, but Councilmember Gloria casted a dissenting vote, noting the County will be directing voters to online text for one of its longer measures and there were better uses for taxpayer money. Voters can opt out of receiving an electronic ballot and access materials on line on the County Registrar of Voters' website. A list of City measures is provided below and follow the two San Diego County measures lettered A and B.

- *Proposition C- Downtown Stadium Initiative*
- *Proposition D- Tax and Facilities Initiative*
- *Proposition E- Charter Amendment Regarding Qualifications, Vacancy, And Removal for Mayor, City Attorney, and Council*
- *Proposition F- Charter Amendment Regarding Required Term of Service for Certain Terminations or Suspensions of Deputy City Attorneys*
- *Proposition G- Charter Amendments Regarding the Citizens' Review Board on Police Practices*
- *Proposition H- Charter Amendments Regarding Purchasing and Contracting Processes for the City of San Diego*
- *Proposition I- Charter Amendment Regarding Balboa Park and San Diego High School*
- *Proposition J- Charter Amendment Regarding Use of Lease Revenue from Mission Bay Park*
- *Proposition K- Charter Amendment Requiring Run-Off Election for the Offices of Mayor, City Attorney and Councilmember*
- *Proposition L- Charter Amendment Requiring Citizens' Initiative and Referendum Measures to be Placed on November General Election Ballots, Unless the Council Decides to Submit Them to Voters Earlier*
- *Proposition M- Affordable Housing: Increasing the Limit on the Number of Units the City and Certain Public Agencies Are Allowed to Help Develop*
- *Proposition N- Non-Medical Cannabis Business Tax*

Truax House *(Continued from page 1)*

listening to the public and has the community's best interests in mind."

The City Council took action in April to authorize the Real Estate Assets Department to solicit proposals from buyers. Councilmember Todd Gloria directed staff to bring the selection of a buyer back to City Council for final approval to ensure the needs of the community were met. The Truax House is named after San Diego LGBT leader Doctor A. Brad Truax, and was used as a hospice to serve AIDS patients. Dr. Truax died of the disease in 1988. Over the years, the building's condition has deteriorated and repair costs are estimated at over \$1.8 million.

"This is exactly the type of proposal that the Council had in mind when we agreed to put the property on the market. Soheil has done a wonderful job of incorporating solutions to the various concerns noted at the last hearing by different stakeholders, many of whom are now supporting this action."

Mr. Nakhshab intends to pursue a project that would replace the non-historic house at 540 W. Laurel St. with a new mixed use building including a coffee shop, office space, and residential units, including 10% of units to be qualified very low income housing. The proposal indicates the project will be sustainably designed.

Free Shuttle Launches Downtown

To provide more efficient and sustainable transportation options in San Diego, the San Diego Downtown Partnership and Downtown Community Parking District launched the new "Free Ride Everywhere Downtown" or "FRED" circulator program. The new program, initially funded by Downtown parking meter revenues, will feature 20 five-passenger, all-electric vehicles designed to augment existing transportation options and make short trips within Downtown's eight neighborhoods easier.

Users will be able to request a pick up via a mobile app called The Free Ride. The shuttles are free to the public thanks to dedicated funding from Civic San Diego – which manages the Downtown Community Parking District – and private sponsorships.

FRED shuttles will operate seven days per week:

- 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday
- 7 a.m. to midnight, Friday
- 8 a.m. to midnight, Saturday
- 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday

To learn more about FRED, visit <http://thefreeride.com/fred>.



Join the Todd Squad for the 2016 AIDS Walk & Run

Join Councilmember Gloria and the Todd Squad on Saturday, September 24 at 7 a.m. for the 27th Annual AIDS Walk, San Diego's largest HIV/AIDS fundraising event. Each year, more than 8,000 individuals, teams, social clubs, local businesses, schools and universities, and faith organizations come together for AIDS Walk & Run to remember those who have been lost to the disease and raise funds to support the more than 20,000 San Diegans living with HIV/AIDS. Your \$35.00 sign-up fee will go towards vital programs and services that save lives.

Feel free to share this invitation with your friends and loved ones and encourage them to walk with the Todd Squad as well. If you are unable to walk with us on the day of the event, please remember you can still sign up and pledge your support for Councilmember Gloria's team.



To sign up, go to www.aidswalksd.org, click "Join My Team," and search for "Todd Gloria."

Tracking Todd



1. Todd speaks at a press conference with other regional leaders to discuss San Diego's coordinated response to make sure our county gets our fair share of desperately needed federal funding to house our homeless.
2. Todd joins North Park Main Street and the North Park Maintenance Assessment District to unveil an exciting new lighting project on University Avenue.
3. Todd stands in solidarity with an SDPD officer for the Peace Keeper Challenge.
4. Todd with some of San Diego's leading tech and innovation organizations asking our City's brightest makers to submit their creations for the second annual Marker Faire, scheduled for October 1 and 2.
5. Todd shows that sometimes it's necessary to get your hands dirty as he volunteers at the SAVE STARLIGHT cleanup event for the Starlight Bowl in Balboa Park.
6. Todd poses for a photo with community members at his booth for Hillcrest's annual CityFest event.



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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