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Council President Proposes Infrastructure Committee *Councilmember Assignments for 2013 Announced Today*

SAN DIEGO, CA (December 12, 2012) – Council President Todd Gloria today released the 2013 proposed assignments to Council Committees. The complete memo is attached. The proposal includes a historic appointment, bipartisan leadership, and the introduction of a new Infrastructure Committee.

“I am proposing creation of the Infrastructure Committee to bring necessary focus to the condition of the City’s streets, sidewalks, and structures,” said Council President Gloria. **“I have heard the call of San Diegans that they are tired of driving over potholes and tripping over sidewalks. This Committee will be able to develop comprehensive solutions to a Citywide challenge.”**

The Committee on Infrastructure would be chaired by Councilmember Mark Kersey, who has highlighted the condition of the City’s infrastructure as a priority. The Committee would focus on the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), creation of a five-year CIP, additional streamlining opportunities, infrastructure finance, and community CIP hearings, among other related topics. Councilmember Kersey would be joined on the Committee by Councilmember Sherri Lightner as Vice Chair and Councilmembers Marti Emerald and Scott Sherman.

Council President Gloria made history by proposing Councilmember Lightner as San Diego’s first female Council President Pro Tem. She would chair the Rules and Economic Development Committee, which combines the jurisdictions of the former Rules, Open Government and Intergovernmental Relations Committee and the Economic Development and Strategies Committee.

In addition to filling in for the Council President as necessary, the Council President Pro Tem would have a new responsibility of reviewing the Council Committee structure, which has not been reexamined in decades. Council President Gloria has requested from her a report in six months on how the Committees are functioning, and Committee assignments will be reexamined at that time, coinciding with the likely election of a new councilmember in District Four, which will become vacant in January when Councilmember Tony Young takes over the local chapter of the American Red Cross.

Committees are closely balanced between Democrat and Republican members, which Council President Gloria believes is both appropriate and productive.

“I respect the viewpoints and ideas of each of my colleagues, and have structured the membership of Committees to encourage healthy dialog and balanced decisions,” said Council President Gloria. **“I am confident that 2013 will be a positive and productive year for San Diego.”**

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**OFFICE OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT TODD GLORIA
CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: December 12, 2012
TO: Honorable City Councilmembers
FROM: Council President Todd Gloria 
SUBJECT: Appointment of Committee Assignments for 2013

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your Council President. I am pleased to offer my City Council Committee appointments for 2013. It is my expectation to have this matter before you for confirmation at the Special Meeting of the City Council to be held on December 17, 2012.

I have heard from all of you and our constituents that addressing infrastructure and increasing investment in repairing streets, sidewalks, streetlights, libraries and recreation centers is a high priority. For this reason, I will be requesting that a new standing Committee on Infrastructure be established. The creation of this Committee is cost neutral as I propose the restructuring and merger of the current Rules, Open Government and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee and the Economic Development and Strategies Committee into a single Committee on Rules and Economic Development. The jurisdictions of all standing committees follow.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Rules and Economic Development Committee

The Rules and Economic Development Committee's area of responsibility includes Permanent Rules of Council, City Charter, Intergovernmental Relations, Brown Act, Public Records Act, Community Right to Know, Accuracy of Government Information, Citizen's Right to Privacy, Consumer Protection, Nominations, Airports, Port District, and Interagency/Binational and Agreements, Committee Composition and Responsibilities, Workforce Development, City-wide Economic Development Programs, Enterprise Zones, and International Trade.

Natural Resources and Culture Committee

The Natural Resources and Culture Committee's area of responsibility includes Clean Water Program, Energy, Water, State and Federal Endangered Species Acts, Arts and Culture, TOT, Solid Waste Disposal, Recycling, APCD/Air Quality, Hazardous Waste, MSCP, and Regional Parks and Open Space.

Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

The Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee's area of responsibility includes Police, Fire, Paramedics, Neighborhood Parks, Recreation Programs, Youth Services, Senior Services, Neighborhood Revitalization, Business Improvement Districts, Maintenance Assessment Districts, Litter Control, Community Development Block Grants, Code Enforcement, Graffiti Abatement, and Parking Regulations and Enforcement.

Land Use and Housing Committee

The Land Use and Housing Committee's area of responsibility includes Planning, Land Use, Affordable Housing, Development Services, General Plan Amendments, Subdivisions, Community Facility Finance, Annexations, Sale and Lease of Property, Transportation Planning, Transit Services, Parking, Building Code/Inspection, Land Development Code, Utilities, Housing Commission Quarterly Reports, and Homelessness.

Budget and Finance Committee

The Budget and Finance Committee's area of responsibility includes Annual Budget Review, Financial Reports, Taxes, Fees, Assessments, Independent Budget Analyst Reports, Performance Measures, Information Technology, Enterprise Resource Management (SAP), Purchasing and Contracting, and Managed Competition.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee's area of responsibility includes oversight of the City's auditing, internal controls and any other financial or business practices, and directing and reviewing the work of the City Auditor.

Infrastructure Committee

The Infrastructure Committee's area of responsibility includes Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Creation of a Five-Year CIP, Community Hearings on CIP Priorities, Review and Recommend, if necessary, Revisions to any Council Policies dealing with CIP, Oversight of CIP Streamlining, Infrastructure Finance, Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), and Asset Management.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Councilmember Sherri Lightner:

Council President Pro Tem
Chair, Committee on Rules and Economic Development
Vice Chair, Committee on Infrastructure
Member, Committee on Land Use and Housing
Member, Committee on Budget and Finance

Councilmember Kevin Faulconer:

Chair, Audit Committee
Vice Chair, Committee on Rules and Economic Development
Member, Committee on Budget and Finance

Council President Todd Gloria:

Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance
Member, Committee on Land Use and Housing Committee

Councilmember Mark Kersey

Chair, Committee on Infrastructure
Member, Committee on Rules and Economic Development
Member, Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhood Services
Member, Committee on Budget and Finance

Councilmember Lorie Zapf:

Chair, Committee on Land Use and Housing
Vice Chair, Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhood Services
Member, Committee on Natural Resources and Culture

Councilmember Scott Sherman:

Vice Chair, Committee on Natural Resources and Culture
Member, Audit Committee
Member, Committee on Infrastructure

Councilmember David Alvarez:

Chair, Committee on Natural Resources and Culture
Vice Chair, Committee on Budget and Finance
Vice Chair, Committee on Land Use and Housing
Member, Committee on Rules and Economic Development
Member, Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhood Services

Councilmember Marti Emerald:

Chair, Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhood Services
Member, Committee on Rules and Economic Development
Member, Committee on Infrastructure
Member, Committee on Natural Resources and Culture

Thank you for your service. I look forward to your outstanding work and a very productive year.

cc: Honorable Mayor Bob Filner
Honorable City Attorney Jan Goldsmith
Andrea Tevlin, Independent Budget Analyst
Liz Maland, City Clerk