

## News from Councilmember Todd Gloria

### District Three

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### Happy New Fiscal Year

By Councilmember Todd Gloria

Councilmember Todd Gloria, Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, applauded his colleagues for approving a balanced budget that provides core public services to San Diegans.

"I am very proud of the budget we passed. This budget demonstrates that the City Council is fiscally responsible and focused on providing core public services to San Diegans," said Councilmember Gloria.

By a vote of 7-1, the San Diego City Council approved a \$1.1 billion General Fund budget which includes critical changes to the quality of life for local residents, businesspeople and visitors.

- Full restoration of browned-out engines effective July 1
- Full restoration of recreation center service hours
- Full restoration of branch library hours
- Restoration of swim team and water polo programs and restoration of all pool operating hours originally proposed for reduction



Todd joined San Diego City Fire Fighters President Frank DeClercq, Fire-Rescue Chief Javier Mainar and Councilmember Marti Emerald to announce the end of brownouts on July 1.

- Restoration of after school programs proposed for reduction
- Restoration of four Police Department civilian positions for the Vehicle Abatement Unit

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### A Growing Opportunity for Community Gardens

San Diegans wanting to establish community gardens will now have an easier time thanks to unanimous action taken today by the San Diego City Council. Councilmember Todd Gloria, who championed the changes for more than two years, was excited by today's advancement.

"By permitting community gardens by right in commercial and residential zones throughout the City, this ordinance will eliminate some of the largest barriers to establishing community gardens in San Diego," said Councilmember Todd Gloria.

The ordinance permits community gardens in all commercial and residential zones by right as a limited use, provided gardens comply with the use

requirements in the Municipal Code throughout the City. The ordinance would also allow for the onsite sale of produce that is grown on site in commercial and industrial zones, but not in residential zones.

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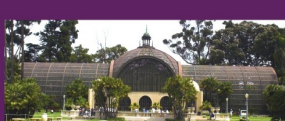
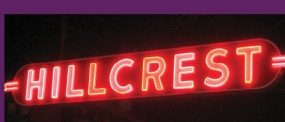
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## Councilmember Gloria Fights for Redevelopment

San Diego Councilmember Todd Gloria, Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee and the Ad Hoc Committee on Redevelopment, issued the following statement about the future of redevelopment.

"This week, State Legislators approved a budget package which included actions to disband redevelopment agencies and redistribute their tax increments as a way to balance the budget. This decision was irresponsible and short sighted, and despite the veto of the budget by Governor Brown, the threat of redevelopment's elimination is still very real.

"Most concerning about the action taken by the State Legislature is that the budget package included the passage of two trailer bills relating to the elimination of redevelopment agencies, AB X1 26 and 27.

"Local governments have very few tools to invest into critical infrastructure, stimulate the economy, and create jobs. Redevelopment has been one of those tools. It's one of our greatest locally-governed services which has assisted in

shaping urban development, providing much-needed affordable housing, eliminating blight, and improving the livability and economy of many of our communities, including City Heights and North Park.

"There are better ways than this to balance a budget. Just last week, San Diego's Mayor and City Council approved an on-time, balanced budget that is fiscally responsible and responsive to the needs of the citizens of the City of San Diego. Despite the difficult yet necessary cuts, this process was done peacefully, and in the spirit of collaboration and compromise.

"I vow to continue the fight to retain redevelopment tools for San Diego. I urge our State representatives to come together as we have in San Diego and compromise on meaningful structural reforms."

## Water Purification Project Underway

As part of the City's ongoing efforts to diversify its water supply, the Water Purification Demonstration Project recently began and will operate at least until 2013.

The project will produce one million gallons of re-purified water daily. The City current imports approximately 85% - 90% of its water supply. According to the Public Utilities Department, environmental stresses and pumping restrictions have reduced the amount of water that can be delivered to San Diego. The demonstration project is the second phase of a process evaluating ways to increase use of recycled water. The first phase was the City's 2005 Water Reuse Study, which identified reservoir augmentation as the preferred option for developing recycled water sources. If the demonstration project is successful, re-purified water would be mixed with water from other sources at the San Vicente Reservoir near Lakeside.

Reservoir augmentation includes using advanced water purification technology on highly treated wastewater; sending the purified water to a reservoir to blend with existing drinking water supplies; and treating the blended water again to be distributed as drinking water.

San Diego follows the Irvine Ranch Water District and Orange County in exploring uses for highly purified recycled water.

The state Department of Public Health is closely monitoring the local project to ensure it results in safe drinking water.

Members of the public are welcome to take tours of the purification facility. Call 619-533-6638 or register online at [sandiego.gov/water/waterreuse/demo/](http://sandiego.gov/water/waterreuse/demo/) to schedule a visit.

## Water Conservation Garden of the Month: Hoffman Street



Though Hoffman Street is just a single block long in University Heights, it boasts of several beautiful properties, including this water conserving gem. The lush yet drought-tolerant landscaping makes the home seem like a real getaway.

### *Call for Submissions*

Where is your favorite drought-tolerant yard in District Three? Submit the address and a photo to [ToddGloria@sandiego.gov](mailto:ToddGloria@sandiego.gov), and you may see it in a future District Three Dialogue. As always, don't be afraid to submit your own!



## Community Connection: The Todd Squad is Working for You

### Public Safety

- A meeting was coordinated between City staff and staff and parents of Urban Discovery Institute to address traffic calming solutions near the school.
- Overgrown brush and vegetation at the Robinson Ave. exit from northbound 163 were reported to Caltrans for removal.
- A residential address not previously found on the 911 emergency map was added to the system.
- Graffiti was removed from University Ave. at Park Blvd.
- Parking tickets were dismissed due to medical emergency parking guidelines near Scripps Mercy Hospital.
- Graffiti was removed from the community building in the 3900 block of Adams Ave.
- Two streetlights were repaired on Adams Ave. near Hawley Blvd.
- A motorcyclist that was racing a non-street legal vehicle through Kensington was cited by San Diego Police.
- The Streets Division removed a swarm of bees from the 2200 block of Bancroft St.

### Infrastructure Improvements

- An asphalt cap was added to a broken sidewalk on the south side of University Ave. between Dove and Curlew St.
- An irrigation line and sidewalk were repaired in the 4600 block of Euclid.
- Potholes were filled in the 4500 block of 33rd St., on Cypress Ave. between Indiana and Park Blvd., 2900 block of Vancouver, and on Madison Ave. between Texas and 30th St.
- A damaged sidewalk in the 4900 block of El Cajon Blvd. was repaired.

### Community Character

- Neighborhood Code Compliance performed a saturation patrol to address refuse recycling scavengers and issued one written warning and three misdemeanor tickets in South Park.
- Illegally installed parking spaces will be removed from a plaza near Centre St. and Polk Ave.
- Vegetation will need to be removed from the paper street portion of Dwight St. following an investigation.
- Shopping carts and litter were removed from the sidewalk in the 3900 block of Normal St. Loiterers in the area are also being addressed.
- Fairmount Village is now free of 21.93 tons of waste thanks to a June 25 community cleanup organized by the great Linda Pennington. She spearheaded another successful cleanup of 2.94 tons on June 22 from the area near Redwood St. and Highland Ave.
- Dumped debris was cleared from an alley behind Bancroft St.
- Neighborhood Code Compliance issued a compliance order to remove tarps from areas in North Park.

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## Brownouts End as Fiscal Year Begins

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Funding for these changes came from cuts elsewhere in the budget and from additional resources. Positions were eliminated, cell phones were cut, terminal leave was adjusted, training and overtime were reduced, and marketing partnerships were expanded. Savings also continue to be generated through employee compensation reductions and pension reforms.

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## Community Gardens *(continued from page 1)*

Among the other critical changes approved :

- Gardens will no longer be required to have their own water meters. This will mean community gardeners can make other watering arrangements if they choose not to invest in a City water meter, which generally costs \$14,000.
- The requirement for fences and the ability to lock the garden have been deleted. Fences can be erected at the discretion of the garden, but are not required.

"For years, I have been getting the message from San Diegans that community gardens can improve the quality of life for individuals who otherwise would not have an opportunity to garden. They can be a source of healthy, nutritious foods; serve as catalysts for neighborhood advancement; and stimulate social interaction and provide opportunities for cross-cultural connections. Despite these benefits, we've also been told that establishing gardens is too expensive and that there are not enough potential locations. Because of this, most community gardens have long waiting lists, and I frequently hear requests for more," said Councilmember Gloria.



Above, Councilmember Gloria, Mayor Sanders and local gardeners advocated for eased regulations earlier in 2011.

Councilmember Gloria began his advocacy for better regulations of community gardens when he served as Chair of the Land Use and Housing Committee from 2008-2010.

## Tracking Todd



Clockwise from top left: Councilmember Gloria celebrated the grand opening of Stone Brewery's new location on 30th Street. Todd visits Fairmount Park to discuss neighborhood and City issues. Hillcrest is home to a new restaurant, A Modo Mio. Ground was broken on the new Vons center in Mission Hills. Councilmember Gloria allocated \$1,000 to the Jacobs Center for Somali Youth United's Cultural Celebration.

### Councilmember Gloria serves on the following:

- Chair, Budget and Finance Committee
- Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Redevelopment
- Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee
- Land Use and Housing Committee
- Rules, Open Government and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee
- Metropolitan Transit System Board
- San Diego Association of Governments
- San Diego Workforce Partnership
- San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau
- San Diego River Conservancy

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