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Normal Heights
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Old Town
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San Diego's Year Round Homeless Shelter Opens

By Council President Todd Gloria

When I helped open Connections Housing on March 11, 2013, it was among my proudest days in public service.

Connections Housing, located at 1250 Sixth Avenue, is San Diego's new year round homeless services and housing center designed to reduce homelessness in our Downtown neighborhoods by helping people living on the streets move into permanent housing. Connections Housing provides 223 housing units, a health center, and supportive services all conveniently located in one building.

Connections Housing features the following on-site resources:

- 73 permanent supportive housing apartments, with a community room;
- 150 interim housing beds and food service program;
- 36 service agencies in the PATH Depot; and a
- Health center

Connections Housing and PATH are a game changer in how we address homelessness in San

Diego. As positive impacts are seen Downtown, we next must work to replicate successful programs elsewhere in our City and the region to ensure all of our neediest neighbors have the opportunity to break the cycle of homelessness.

As someone with a keen interest in solving homelessness and improving housing opportunities, I believe it's important to understand the terms used in this field.

Permanent supportive housing provides eligible tenants with an affordable studio apartment unit coupled with supportive services. These apartments are subsidized with housing vouchers from the San Diego Housing Commission, with case management provided by PATH San Diego. Living in Connections Housing's permanent apartments will be individuals who are chronically homeless and disabled, prioritizing those who are considered vulnerable on the streets and who are frequent users of public systems, like emergency rooms.

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Chat with Council President Gloria at an Upcoming Event

In addition to the numerous community events he attends, Council President Gloria regularly organizes casual events in neighborhoods throughout District Three to stay in close touch with you. Please join Council President Gloria for an informal discussion about City issues at an upcoming public event. Enjoy the fare at a local business and bring your questions and concerns for Todd.

Coffee with the Council President
Saturday, April 13
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Café Zuccherò
1731 India Street
Little Italy

**Cocktails with
the Council President**
Wednesday, May 1
5:30—7:30 p.m.
Village 631
631 Ninth Avenue
East Village

Critical Improvements Completed in Council District Three

Council President Todd Gloria celebrated the completion of two long awaited and much needed projects in March.



On March 12, neighbors from North Park and University Heights joined the Council President for the unveiling of a new welcome sign and to commemorate the new Texas Street sidewalk connecting the areas to

Mission Valley. The project also included installation of lighting in the well-traveled corridor.

“Texas Street is a primary link between District Three and Mission Valley, and the new sidewalk and other amenities improve safety and access,” said Council President Gloria.

Improvements were also completed in Normal Heights, where the Ward Canyon Park basketball courts were resurfaced. Council President Gloria used savings from his office budget to help pay for the repairs and upgrades.

Solving Uptown Parking Challenges with Creativity

Hillcrest and surrounding neighborhoods have plenty to attract residents and visitors: amazing restaurants, fun nightlife, unique shopping, important community centers. The shortage of parking has been a challenge alluding a workable solution for far too long.

The March 14 unveiling of ParkHillcrest.com marked a creative change to the neighborhood’s approach to the parking dilemma. Instead of focusing all energy on building a parking garage (elusive due to funding and land needs), the Uptown Community Parking District’s ParkHillcrest.com is a multi-faceted, realistic, and workable parking management tool that includes a free trolley service, a list and map of parking options, a validation program with local merchants, and information about bicycle facilities for times when your car isn’t necessary.

The Hillcrest Trolley is a free trolley service operating Thursday through Saturday nights from 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m. Its route includes the area roughly bordered by Normal Street, University Avenue, First Avenue, and Washington Street. Council President Gloria participated in the inaugural ride with neighbors, and believes it will help support local businesses by alleviating the parking challenges many consider when choosing a neighborhood to patronize.

Visit ParkHillcrest.com and download the free app to put this creative tool in the palm of your hand.



“District Three suffers from a lack of adequate park space and recreation facilities, so keeping these assets well maintained is critical,” said Council President Gloria, who demonstrated his athletic prowess by successfully shooting some baskets on the court.



The Latest on Bicycle Improvements

As part of the City of San Diego’s ongoing efforts to improve bike-ability of the neighborhoods, the City Council recently approved a resolution declaring the City’s support for prioritizing citywide bicycle infrastructure improvements which enhance rider safety, provide transportation options, and benefit the greater public as the region progresses. The resolution also focused on taking steps to reduce bicycle-related collisions on public roadways by exploring all methods, including the recommendations from the 2011 update to the 2002 City of San Diego Bicycle Master Plan, to minimize the public safety risk to bicyclists and drivers.

Further, the Council repealed the bicycle license requirement from the Municipal Code. Bicycle licenses were required in order to ensure that all bicycles had an identification number inscribed upon them. However, since 1977, bicycle manufacturers have been required to provide each bicycle with an identifying serial number. This made the Municipal Code bicycle licensing requirement redundant. Removal of the Municipal Code’s bicycle licensing requirement will not affect the mandatory reporting of second-hand bike sales to the police.

Community Connection: The Todd Squad is Working for You

Strengthening Public Safety

- A deteriorated sidewalk was patched with asphalt to prevent tripping hazards in the 2000 block of University Avenue.
- The Homeless Outreach Team provided services and cleared an encampment from the 4200 block of Arizona Street.
- A homeless encampment was cleared from the 500 block of Beech Street.
- A trip hazard was repaired on a sidewalk near State Street and Date Street.
- Tree stumps that were impeding the walkway and damaging a sidewalk were ground down for a resident on 34th Street.

Infrastructure Investments

- Construction should soon begin on the Juniper Dip sidewalk project.
- Council District Three staff worked with the Water Department to delay a maintenance shut off from 8:00 p.m.

Connections Housing *(continued from page 1)*

Interim housing is a 30 to 90 day program, operated by Alpha Project and PATH, that provides temporary beds for people experiencing homelessness while working to connect them with permanent housing. This level of care is prioritized for individuals who are homeless, chronically homeless, and/or deemed vulnerable or at-risk on the streets.

Through integrated street outreach efforts, PATH has provided on-the-street case management to line up more than 300 individuals for housing and services. Additional individuals interested in housing are encouraged to sign up on an interest list located at the Neil Good Day Center, 299 17th Street.

Some of the innovations that excite me most about Connections Housing are:

- Addresses the needs of the neighborhood by making sure both people on the streets are housed, and the neighborhood has reduced street homelessness and prioritizing the housing for people who are on the streets of the neighborhood;
- Provides a right-sized program model that can be replicated throughout the region;
- Links supportive services with permanent and interim housing;
- Links Section 8 housing vouchers to the 16 special needs units to provide a revenue source for services; and
- Links interim housing with the national rapid re-housing movement.

until 12:00 a.m. to allow businesses to remain operational during key hours.

- A broken pipe was determined to be the source of water leak near El Cajon Boulevard and Florida Street and was repaired.
- North Avenue from Meade Avenue to Adams Avenue will be slurry sealed this July or August.
- A water leak was repaired near the intersection of Louisiana Street and Meade Avenue.
- Two asphalt areas that were sinking were repaired by City staff in the 600 block of Sixth Avenue.
- A pothole was filled in the middle of Imperial Avenue under the I-5 overpass.

Community Character

- A Bankers Hill community sign that was tagged with graffiti was replaced. (See pictures.)
- Arundo was removed from the alley behind 3800 Florida Street.
- An abandoned vehicle was removed from the 2400 block of Monroe Avenue.



25th Street Renaissance Project Update

The City of San Diego is working with Golden Hill neighbors on the 25th Street Renaissance Project to develop a plan that will enhance the street and sidewalks along 25th Street between F Street and Russ Boulevard. Here's the latest timeline:

Finish design: Late April 2013
Advertise: May-Early June 2013
Construction Award: Early June-Late August 2013
Start Construction: September 2013
Finish Construction: March 2014

Learn more: <http://www.sandiego.gov/cip/projectinfo/featuredprojects/25street.shtml>.



CONNECT2careers SAN DIEGO

Developing Talent for Tomorrow's Workforce

CONNECT2Careers San Diego is a Workforce Partnership initiative that establishes a new approach to preparing our region's future workforce by creating meaningful, real-world work experiences beyond the typical summer job.

By aligning the career aspirations of young adults with businesses willing to provide the opportunity, together we can inspire and develop talent for San Diego's most in-demand sectors.

"In-school employment with work-based learning opportunities increases students' awareness of the links between high school curriculum and real-world work, which can increase commitment to school work and strengthens employability skills."

— Department of Labor, July 2010

Hiring an intern is easy:

- Connect to pre-screened and motivated young adults ages 16-21 with a strong career interest in your industry.
- Interview and select a candidate that fits your criteria.
- Pre-internship training conditions young adults to be productive workers who can enter the workplace with a head start.
- Ongoing coordination and support provided throughout the selection, placement, and work experience.

Let's prepare San Diego's future together!

To learn more about the initiative or to sponsor an internship for a young adult contact us.

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It's Budget Season: Be Part of the Process

Council President Todd Gloria, Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, encourages public participation in the annual budget development process. The full calendar of key dates and hearings is below. You are welcome to submit questions and comments by email to toddgloria@sandiego.gov.

Monday, April 15: Mayor releases FY 14 Proposed Budget

Tuesday, April 16: Mayor presents FY 14 Proposed Budget to the City Council

Budget Review Committee Meetings

Wednesday, May 1, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

- Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Part I
- IBA Report: Infrastructure Overview

Monday, May 6, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

- IBA Report Overview
- Police and Family Justice Center
- Fire-Rescue, EMS, and Office of Homeland Security

Monday, May 6, 2:00—5:00 p.m.

- Park and Recreation, Golf Enterprise Fund, and Environmental Growth Fund
- Library

Tuesday, May 7, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

- Development Services Department, Neighborhood Code Compliance, Planning, and Economic Development
- Environmental Services

Tuesday, May 7, 2:00—5:00 p.m.

- Public Utilities and Dedicated Reserve from Efficiency and Savings
- Real Estate Assets, Qualcomm Stadium, PETCO Park, and Airports

Wednesday, May 8, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

- Office of the Assistant Chief Operating Officer
- Administration Department and Equal Opportunity Contracting
- Purchasing and Contracting
- Department of Information Technology, Enterprise Resource Planning (One SD), and Communications Division
- San Diego Data Processing Corporation

Wednesday, May 8, 2:00—5:00 p.m.

- City Treasurer
- City Auditor
- City Attorney
- Ethics Commission
- City Clerk

Thursday, May 9, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

- San Diego City Employees Retirement System
- Housing Authority
- Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency
- Civic San Diego

Thursday, May 9, 2:00—5:00 p.m.

- San Diego Convention Center Corporation
- Special Promotional Programs and Arts and Culture

Friday, May 10, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

- Transportation and Storm Water, Administration and Right of Way Coordination, Storm Water, Streets, and Transportation Engineering
- Public Works — General Services, Facilities, Publishing Services, Fleet Services
- Public Works — Engineering and Capital Projects, Architectural Engineering and Parks, Field Engineering, Project Implementation and Technical Services, and Right of Way Design
- CIP Part II

Friday, May 10, 2:00—5:00 p.m.: Open if needed

Wednesday, May 22, 6:00 p.m.: Public Hearing on the Mayor's Proposed Budget

City Council Funds Critical Services with Budget Revisions

The San Diego City Council approved mid-year budget revisions on March 11 that included funding to extend the winter emergency homeless shelter for 90 days, install two public restroom facilities Downtown, and support the ongoing development of Balboa Park's 2015 Centennial. Funds were available due primarily to increased revenues.

Council President Todd Gloria, who also serves as the Budget and Finance Committee Chairman, applauded the unanimous decision of his colleagues.

"We have worked diligently to strengthen the City's finances for the past four years, and our action demonstrated continued discipline," said Council President Gloria. "I look forward to a more comprehensive evaluation of the City's ongoing funding needs through the Fiscal Year 2014 budget deliberations."

The notable items funded were:

- Emergency Winter Shelter Program: extended until July 1, 2013 – \$300,000;
- Downtown Public Restrooms – \$400,000; and
- Balboa Park 2015 Centennial Celebration – \$350,000.

Tracking Todd



Todd congratulates a new young friend on winning a bicycle at the annual Easter Egg Hunt in Trolley Barn Park on March 31, sponsored by the Imperial Court de San Diego.



Todd gave the keynote address at the graduation ceremony for San Diego's 73rd Fire Academy on March 29. The 32 graduates have now begun their year long probationary period.



Thirty two flights of stairs were no match for Todd, who participated in the Fight for Air Climb on March 23 in One America Plaza, benefiting the American Lung Association.



Neighbors in Burlingame listened to Todd provide an update on City issues at the Burlingame Neighborhood Association meeting on March 13.

Council President Todd Gloria serves on the following:

Chair, Budget and Finance Committee
Land Use and Housing Committee
San Diego Association of Governments Board (SANDAG)

Chair, SANDAG Transportation Committee
Metropolitan Transit System Board
San Diego River Conservancy

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