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Year Round Indoor Interim Housing Approved for Homeless

By Councilmember Todd Gloria

Addressing the challenges of homelessness and affordable housing made me run for office seven years ago. I remain motivated to make meaningful impacts with our most vulnerable neighbors, and the City Council's March 24 approval of a year round indoor interim housing facility for the homeless was a key step forward.

The City Council unanimously approved the plan to spend nearly \$1.9 million annually on an interim housing program operated by St. Vincent de Paul at its Downtown campus, 1501 Imperial Avenue. The 350-bed program will assist as many as 2,835 homeless individuals each year, which is approximately three times the people served annually by the temporary tents.

I am grateful to the San Diego Housing Commission and the Mayor for sharing my vision to end homelessness and helping me find a year-round interim housing solution to replace the temporary tents that were used during winter months as emergency shelters.

St. Vincent's will instead offer interim housing, focusing on linking clients to services they need. This facility will be the front door to a coordinated system of homeless services and help them move permanently off the streets.

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The Todd Squad Cleans Up Hillcrest

Councilmember Todd Gloria and the Todd Squad joined dozens of other volunteers to clean up the high-traffic corridors of Hillcrest. Along with the Hillcrest Clean T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More), Todd picked up trash, seemingly endless cigarette butts, and some random pieces of clothing. Sidewalks, driveways and gutters were swept, too.

This month, the Todd Squad joins with North Park Main Street, Urban Corps of San Diego County, and the San Diego Police Department to help beautify the streets of North Park by removing graffiti and litter. Details are below. All are welcome!



Join Councilmember Gloria and the Todd Squad for a North Park Clean Up

April 18, 8:00—11:00 a.m.
Meet behind the North Park Theatre
29th Street at North Park Way

\$120 Million Approved for Infrastructure (Again)

The City Council gave the final green light on March 24 to a \$120 million package of neighborhood improvements including funding to rebuild the Hillcrest Fire Station, build a new Mission Hills/Hillcrest branch library, and fund \$48 million in road repairs.

“This will not solve our city's infrastructure problems, but it is a step in the right direction,” said Councilmember Todd Gloria.

The lease revenue bonds were initially approved by the City Council in 2014. After a delay caused by an unsuccessful legal challenge, it was necessary to reapprove the measure. Timelines for projects in Council District Three that will be funded by the bonds are expected in May or June.

Neighbors, Utilities Collaborate on Undergrounding Improvements

On March 23, Councilmember Todd Gloria announced the City Council's approval of updates to the City of San Diego's Utility Undergrounding Program (UUP), generated from a year long collaborative process. The Utility Undergrounding Advisory Committee, a group comprised of community members and representatives from AT&T, Cox Communications, SDG&E, Time Warner Cable and the city, developed the recommended updates.

“Few city programs evoke as passionate responses as utility undergrounding. By implementing the recommendations of the Utility Undergrounding Advisory Committee, undergrounding projects will be implemented quicker and with greater consensus between neighborhoods and the utility companies,” said Councilmember Gloria, who initiated the committee with Councilmember Marti Emerald.

The approved updates include direction to improve coordination between the Mayor's office, Council offices, UUP staff, utility companies, and the community through a formalized process to establish local preferences prior to the start of engineering design in each affected neighborhood; revise UUP documents to ensure consistent language; expand UUP website with current program and project information, illustration of utility company above ground equipment and city owned equipment, graphic depiction of where above ground equipment may be located, design options, and a flow chart of community participation in the design process; provide public information support from the city's Communications Department and UUP staff; revise and simplify public notice mailers; create design options; examine innovative equipment design and sizing; implement quality control; and implement Council training.

The advisory committee was created in February 2014 to advise the City Council on how the City could better implement the utility undergrounding program to minimize community concerns related to the installation of utility equipment and how the city, community, and utility companies could improve communication in implementing undergrounding. The 13-member committee held nine public meetings from June 2014 to February 2015 and was chaired by Joe LaCava, representing Council District 1.

“Having community members and utility company leaders participating equally was key to the advisory committee's success. I am confident the city's Utility Undergrounding Program will now run more smoothly in neighborhoods throughout San Diego,” said Councilmember Gloria.

Water Restrictions in Effect in San Diego

As California enters its fourth consecutive year of drought conditions and with state reservoirs at historic lows, San Diegans are encouraged to waste no water. State regulations were approved in March that prohibit watering outdoor landscapes during and within 48 hours after measurable rainfall.

The City Council voted to move San Diego into Drought Alert status in November, which calls for mandatory water use restrictions: watering only during three assigned days per week, limiting the use of fire hydrants to fire fighting, construction, and health and safety, fixing all water leaks upon discovery, using a hose with a shutoff nozzle or timer for irrigation, using recycled water for construction purposes when available, only operating decorative water fountains for maintenance, restaurants only serving and refilling water for patrons upon request, hotels providing the option of not laundering towels and linens daily. To learn more about water conservation rebates and services, visit wastenowater.org.

The serious drought condition in California reinforces the need for San Diego to become more water independent, like with the implementation of the Pure Water program, which would purify enough wastewater to provide one-third of San Diego's water supply by 2035.

Community Connection: The Todd Squad is Working for You

Strengthening Public Safety

- New city streetlights were finally added to 30th Street in South Park and activated following the delayed removal of SDG&E utility poles.
- Curb ramps were completed at 31st and Ash Streets.
- A suspect is in custody for a string of South Park break-ins.
- A new all way stop sign was approved for the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Georgia Street.

Infrastructure Investment

- Several streets in North Park were repaved in recent weeks: Mission Avenue between Meade and Monroe Avenues and between Alabama Street and the Texas Street off ramp; Copley Avenue between Oregon and Utah Streets; Utah Street between Lincoln and Polk Avenues; Lincoln Avenue between Texas and Oregon Streets and between Idaho and 30th Streets; and Polk Avenue between Florida and Hamilton Streets.
- A sinkhole was repaired in front of Café Coyote.
- After requesting a water meter leak repair over 18 months ago, North Park constituents turned to the Todd Squad for help. One day later, the meter in the 3400 block of Olive Street was repaired.
- A pothole in the alley near the 2000 block of Suncrest was repaired.
- A water leak was repaired in the 1900 block of Upas Street.
- A fire hydrant cap was replaced at Adams Avenue and Arizona Street.

Making a Difference: A constituent contacted Councilmember Gloria after experiencing difficulty navigating updating her account information for her water bill. A Public Utilities representative immediately walked her through the steps. The constituent followed up to Councilmember Gloria, "Thank you very much. I could not do that on my own. Blessings to your office and thank you."

Community Character

- Couches were removed from the 1500 block of 31st Street and near Thorn and 33rd Streets.
- Two abandoned donation bins were removed from 29th Street and North Park Way.
- Graffiti was removed from the Quince Street Pedestrian Bridge, the 3700 block of Ray Street, 2500 block of Boundary Street, a utility pole in the 2500 block of Boundary Street, 3000 block of University, the 805 bridge overpass, and near University Avenue and Iowa Street.
- An encampment was cleared from Allen Canyon in Mission Hills after a 72 hour notice was given.
- Historical sidewalk stamps and scoring patterns were saved along Mountain View and Kenmore Terrace after residents contacted Councilmember Gloria with concerns they were being damaged by a contractor completing neighborhood improvements.
- Two postal boxes reinstalled in the 3700 block of Grim Avenue.

Centennial in Balboa Park: Expanding a Feature and Access for All

Councilmember Todd Gloria's goal of expanding access to Balboa Park as part of the centennial of the 1915 Panama-California Exposition made progress on March 3 when 17 Balboa Park institutions and more than 75 philanthropic benefactors donated \$1 million in annual Family Explorer Passes for at-risk and underserved San Diego families through Balboa Park's Community Access Pass Program (<http://www.communityaccesspass.org/>).

Each Balboa Park Explorer Pass is good for general admission for up to two adults and four children to 17 museums for an entire year. The passes are being distributed in each district by nonprofit organizations recommended by City Council members. In all, more than 5,000 families will receive free passes, benefitting as many as 30,000 San Diegans.

Councilmember Gloria was also honored to join Kyocera's Founder Dr. Kazuo Inamori on March 19 for the dedication of the Japanese Friendship Garden's expansion. He encourages all to check out this nine acre improvement the next time you're in Balboa Park. This new permanent attraction will benefit the park and visitors long after the Centennial Celebration.

Councilmember Gloria and Dr. Inamori on March 19.



How Should the City Spend Money?

Let Your Voice Be Heard During Annual Budget Hearings

Councilmember Todd Gloria, in his fifth year as the Chairman of the Budget and Government Efficiency Committee, invites all San Diegans to weigh in on the city's proposed budget. After the Mayor releases his proposal on April 15, the City Council will meet as the Budget Review Committee for in-depth discussions about the budget for each department. All meetings will be held in the Council Chambers on the 12th floor of the City Administration Building, 202 C Street. If you have questions, concerns, and priorities, please share them at one of the meetings below or by emailing ToddGloria@sandiego.gov.

City Budget Hearing Calendar

April 15: Mayor releases the FY 16 Proposed Budget

May 4, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

- Independent Budget Analyst's (IBA) Review of the Proposed Budget
- Police
- Fire-Rescue (Including EMS)
- Office of Homeland Security

May 4, 2:00—5:00 p.m.

- Overview from the Chief Financial Officer — Finance Branch (Risk Management, Financial Management, City Treasurer, Citywide Program Expenditures)
- Corporate Partnerships and Development
- Special Events
- Communications Department
- ADA Compliance and Accessibility
- City Auditor
- City Attorney
- City Clerk

May 5, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

- Capital Improvement Program, Part I
- IBA Report: Infrastructure Overview

May 5, 2:00—5:00 p.m.

- Public Works — General Services (Facilities, Publishing Services, Fleet Services)
- Public Works — Engineering and Capital Projects
- Public Works — Contracting
- Public Utilities
- Transportation and Storm Water
- Environmental Services

May 6, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

- San Diego City Employees Retirement System
- Library
- Park and Recreation

May 6, 2:00—5:00 p.m.

- Development Services Department (including Neighborhood Code Compliance)
- Planning
- Economic Development
- Commission for Arts and Culture (including Special Promotional Programs)

May 7, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

- Housing Commission
- Civic San Diego
- Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency

May 7, 2:00—5:00 p.m.

- San Diego Convention Center Corporation
- Ethics Commission
- Civil Service Commission (including Personnel)

May 8, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

- Performance and Analytics
- Real Estate Assets (including Qualcomm Stadium, Petco Park, Airports)
- Purchasing and Contracting (including Equal Opportunity Contracting)
- Department of Information Technology
- Human Resources

May 8, 2:00—5:00 p.m.

- Capital Improvement Program, Part II — only if needed

May 11, 6:00 p.m.: Public Hearing on the Mayor's Proposed Budget

May 21, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

- City Council Review of FY 16 May Revise and FY 15 Year-End Budget Monitoring Report

Councilmember Assists with Banners and Other Neighborhood Projects

Councilmember Todd Gloria and his Council colleagues unanimously approved creation of the South Park Banner District on March 24. The formation of the district was requested by the South Park Business Group to help identify the business area of the neighborhood and reflect community character. City of San Diego Community Projects, Programs, and Services (CPPS) funds will be used to pay for the banners.

CPPS funds are being used on projects throughout Council District Three. An allocation of \$6,602 will go toward the operation of a portable pool this summer at the Adams Avenue Recreation Center. The Centennial Bike Ride, scheduled for May 2, will benefit from a contribution of \$2,500. Two projects in North Park are also underway. A study bar is being added to the North Park Library, thanks to an allocation of \$10,516, and \$2,105 is being used to complete the LED conversion of some streetlights in the neighborhood.

Second Vintage Trolley Added to Silver Line

Celebrating three of his favorite things — public transit, Balboa Park, and historic preservation — Councilmember Todd Gloria was happy to participate in the ribbon cutting of San Diego's second restored vintage trolley car, known as Centennial Car #530.

Operating on the Silver Line, the refurbished streetcar is branded for the Centennial of the Panama-California Exposition. It was added to MTS service on March 2 following months of meticulous repairs, creating and replacing worn out sections, painting, and passing a rigid inspection.

The Silver Line runs a Downtown loop beginning at the 12th and Imperial Transit Center along the Green Line to America Plaza and then along the Blue/Orange Line back to the 12th and Imperial Transit Center. The full 2.7 mile round trip takes 25 minutes and runs every 30 minutes on Tuesdays, Thursdays and on weekends. Want more information? Check out www.sdmts.com.



Interim Housing Approved

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The program will be operated at the Paul Mirabile Center at St. Vincent's Downtown campus and is scheduled to be fully implemented on July 1. It will include:

- A minimum of 350 beds for homeless individuals on a nightly basis, equal to the number of beds previously provided by the temporary winter tents;
- Up to 40 percent of beds set aside for homeless veterans;
- Supportive services to stabilize lives;
- Three meals each day;
- 24-hour residential and security services; and
- 45-day lengths of stay for residents.

About 100 beds were available in early April to assist with the three-month transition from the closing of the city's temporary tents to the beginning of the interim housing program. All 350 beds will be available July 1.

The San Diego Housing Commission, which administers the City's homeless shelters and services program, recommended the St. Vincent de Paul proposal following a request-for-proposals process conducted late in 2014.

A results driven year round permanent facility will help address San Diego's homeless challenges using national best practices. I appreciate the San Diego Housing Commission's efficient work moving this effort forward. Moving from a tent to a permanent structure and expanding its operation from 16 weeks to 52 weeks will allow us to connect more of our neediest neighbors to the resources required to get them off the streets.

Another Month of Affordable Housing Progress

Councilmember Todd Gloria helped welcome the new residents of affordable apartments in Mission Valley on March 23.

Thanks to the City of San Diego's inclusionary housing law, a new affordable housing project in Mission Valley will allow 150 seniors on fixed incomes to continue living in San Diego.

"Sadly, Realtor.com recently named us as the least affordable city in the U.S. and while I like to get on top 10 lists, this is not the list I want our city on," Councilmember Todd Gloria said. "Projects like this help to address that. It's certainly not a cure all but it makes a huge difference for the 150 people who live here and is part of a broader plan we have in the city to become more aggressive about our responsibilities for affordable housing."

The complex is a part of the larger development, Civita. The apartment complex includes a total of 150 units, which meets the city's regulations requiring developers to dedicate 10 percent of new units to affordable housing.

About 1,000 seniors are currently on the wait list for the Civita apartment complex where rent is as low as \$400.

One day later, on March 24, Councilmember Todd Gloria helped break ground on 205 affordable housing units at a project called Atmosphere. "This will transform a long vacant lot on Cortez Hill into a beautiful project that will serve working families and the formerly homeless. This is another step toward helping more San Diegans make ends meet and make San Diego a truly great city," he said.



San Diego Ranks Second in Nation for Solar Power



Standing outside an affordable housing project with solar panels in North Park, Councilmember Todd Gloria was joined by the Environment California Research & Policy Center and Mayor Faulconer to announce a new report that ranks San Diego second among major U.S. cities in installed solar panels.

The center's "Shining Cities" report said San Diego's solar stature is largely due to the clear commitment to solar energy from Councilmember Gloria and other city leaders.

The city has been aggressively pushing forward on solar-energy initiatives for years and the ranking shows those efforts are paying off with real results.

The Climate Action Plan, drafted by Councilmember Gloria during his tenure as Mayor and formally introduced last year, calls for developers

to include conduit for solar panels in all new construction.

"The fact that our City ranks second nationwide in solar proves that this option makes both environmental and business sense for San Diegans," Councilmember Gloria said.

Los Angeles again topped the list for most solar power installations in the "Shining Cities" analysis. However, San Diego is gaining on the lead set by its southern California neighbor, installing 42 megawatts of solar power during 2014 as compared to L.A.'s 38 megawatts over the same time.

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City Council Honors Young TV Cooking Champion



Councilmember Todd Gloria and his colleagues proclaimed March 17, 2015 to be Nathan Odom Day in the City of San Diego, in honor of the 12 year old North Park resident's recent win on MasterChef Junior, a television cooking competition.

Odom, who has been cooking since he was just six years old, beat out 19 other impressive young cooks through his seven week journey on national television, and his title was accompanied by a \$100,000 prize.

Mark Your Calendar: May is Bike Month!

Councilmember Todd Gloria is focused on providing more transportation options to all San Diegans. Through his work at the City of San Diego and as a board member of the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), he has helped expand trolley service, add the Rapid 215 bus service throughout Mid-City and Downtown, and add valuable bike infrastructure.

May is Bike Month, and Councilmember Gloria encourages neighbors to plan ahead to expand their bicycling or try biking for the first time.

"Whether riding for fun or for commuting, biking is good for your physical health and the health of the environment," said Councilmember Gloria, who participated in BikeSD's Bikes and Beers ride on March 28 with Todd Squad members Adrian Granda and Stephen Hill (pictured to the right).

To give the San Diego community more transportation choices, \$200 million is being invested in bikeway projects over the next decade. Learn more about these plans and how you can choose to GO by BIKE by checking out this new website by SANDAG: www.gobybikesd.com. You can map your route and find upcoming workshops related to biking.



Kick off Bike Month with a special Centennial Bike Ride and Bike Fiesta on May 2. The ride extends from Balboa Park to the Central Library starting at 10:00 a.m. and will be followed by a Bike Fiesta at 11:00 a.m. at the library.

The Bike Fiesta is an informational fair being held annually to celebrate National Bike Month, promote Bike to Work Day, and highlight biking resources across San Diego. This year, the Downtown Bike Loop and the city's bike sharing partner DecoBike will be featured. Various vendors and organizations will be present to share free resources and provide maintenance and safety demos.

San Diego is a Top Solar City *(Continued from page 6)*

"San Diego is one of the country's brightest stars when it comes to solar power," said Dan Jacobson, program director of Environment California. "As California leaders – Governor Brown, Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de León and Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins – aim to have 50 percent of the state's electricity come from renewable sources by 2030, San Diego is turning its commitment to solar power into a clean energy future."

According to researchers who examined solar power installations in 65 American cities in nearly every state, San Diego had enough solar energy online at the end of last year to power more than 32,000 homes.

The announcement was made at the Bridgeport affordable housing complex, which boasts a 66.5 kilowatt solar panel system installed by Everyday Energy in 2012. Thanks to virtual net metering, a policy that allows multifamily residents to receive direct benefits from their building's clean energy system, Bridgeport's solar panels are providing clean energy and lower electricity bills to residents in 42 units.

Tracking Todd



1. Todd with former state Supreme Court Justice Cruz Reynoso, the first Latino to serve on the high court. 2. Todd rallied for a measureable and enforceable Climate Action Plan. 3. Todd helped officially welcome The Heart and Trotter Butchery to El Cajon Boulevard.



4. Todd visited IPS Group to see the city's new smart parking meters made. 5. Todd celebrated the opening of Lane Field Park. 6. Todd honored local neighbors at the Burlingame Community Association annual meeting.



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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