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Friends,

It has been a tremendous honor to serve as your Interim Mayor for the last six months. On August 30, 2013, when I undertook the challenge of running the eighth largest city in the United States, I had a pretty clear vision for how to get our City back on track, but knew I could not do it alone. And I didn't. My Council colleagues, our City's leadership team, the City Attorney, City employees, my staff, and my neighbors throughout San Diego all came together to collaboratively identify solutions and processes that would be positive for San Diego. We reorganized the City's management structure; received a green light on the Convention Center expansion; opened a state-of-the-art, beautiful Central library; began actively addressing our infrastructure challenges; approved the Barrio Logan Community Plan Update; re-hired our lobbyists; unveiled a Climate Action Plan which will make San Diego a leader in renewable energy; updated the Workforce Housing Offset; strengthened border relations with Mexico; reactivated our tourism marketing efforts; strengthened our living wage ordinance in an effort to build San Diego's middle class; and more. All of this was accomplished by working together.

I owe a huge thank you to you, the residents of San Diego, for your patience and support over the past year. You remained engaged and didn't give up on our democratic process because you love San Diego as I do. A bright San Diego future depends on your continued participation for our great City. To that end, I would ask that you keep sharing your ideas by emailing me at toddgloria@sandiego.gov or by calling my office, (619) 236-6633. When I leave the Mayor's office this month and return to my other two jobs of Council President and Councilmember for District Three, I look forward to working with the new Mayor to ensure more positive strides are made for San Diego.

As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Todd Gloria

Mid-Year Budget Report

There is continued good news on San Diego's fiscal front. On February 26, 2014, the City's Mid-Year Budget report was brought before the Budget and Government Efficiency Committee, chaired by Council President Gloria. The Mid-Year Report shows a \$50 million projected surplus. It is anticipated that approximately \$23 million of those surplus funds will be spent on pre-filling our other reserve levels, as well as improving neighborhood and community services including: the North Embarcadero Visionary Plan project along Harbor Drive; additional public safety needs including police recruits, lifeguard vehicles, police cameras, and a temporary fire station in the Skyline neighborhood of District Four; and overnight camping at Kumeyaay Campground. "As we see the City's improved finances in future fiscal years, I will continue to advocate for fiscal discipline and well-considered, strategic funding decisions," said Council President Gloria. Recommendations for the Mid-Year Budget Report are expected to come before the full Council for a vote on March 3, 2014.

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San Diego's Water Supply

Governor Jerry Brown recently declared a drought state of emergency for California and has called for increased voluntary water conservation. According to the City's Public Utilities Department, San Diego's water supply for 2014 is currently stable because of strong regional water conservation efforts and investments agencies have made in diversifying the region's supply portfolio through the development of local supply projects, water transfers and water storage. City customers' consumption is 15.3% lower today than in 2007. However, ongoing drought conditions in the state could change San Diego's supply conditions. All are encouraged to increase water conservation practices to help our water supply reliability between now and 2015. The City of San Diego's Water Conservation Program provides a free residential water survey to help you save water inside and outside your home, and lower your water bill. This City-wide program is available to single-family and multi-family customers. For additional information about this program, and to make an appointment, call 619-570-1999. Please have your water account number available when you call. To learn about other ways you can conserve water, visit the City's Public Utilities Department website:

www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation/index.shtml

Funding for Homelessness Solutions

On February 6, 2014, Council President Gloria outlined his plan to better utilize the City of San Diego's limited resources to help end homelessness. Last year, the number of homeless San Diegans was 5,733. Of that amount, 2,618 live in shelters and transitional housing, and 3,115 are unsheltered, living on the street, in their vehicles or in hand-built structures. Council President Gloria recommended allocating \$1.9 million of General Funds for homeless services in the Fiscal Year 2015 budget that would go towards outcomes-focused services and critical program enhancements resulting in the most effective use of resources and a coordinated system. Council President Gloria asked San Diegans and the business community to contribute to these solutions. "We've seen tremendous participation from local businesses in recent years as they've stepped in to work with the City and service providers, and I will be reaching out to see if we can find additional ways to collaborate toward a solution to end homelessness," said Council President Gloria. "I will work with Mayor Faulconer and my Council colleagues so that these allocations are included in the Fiscal Year 2015 budget, which will be considered this Spring," said Council President Gloria.

Medical Marijuana Dispensaries

On February 25, 2014, the San Diego City Council approved new regulations for medical marijuana dispensaries to ensure legitimate patient access without unnecessary neighborhood impacts. The ordinance passed with a vote of 8-1. The main components to the ordinance are that:

- Cooperatives must be separated from public parks, churches, child care centers, playgrounds, residential care facilities, schools and other cooperatives by 1,000 feet
- Cooperatives must apply for a Conditional Use Permit with a five year expiration
- No onsite medical professionals are allowed
- The ordinance includes a 100 foot buffer from residential zones
- No more than four dispensaries will be permitted to operate in each council district

The ordinance sets the framework for sites that fall outside of the restrictions listed above, but that doesn't mean that dispensaries would actually occupy all of those locations. The ordinance was developed by City staff over the past several months at the City Council's request last April, when the previous mayor proposed far more permissible regulations which would have resulted in increased numbers of dispensaries throughout the City. "This ordinance provides clear and fair rules which will result in access to medical marijuana for legitimate San Diego patients and safeguard neighborhoods from negative impacts associated with dispensaries," said Council President Gloria.

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Strengthening Public Safety

- Installed speed limit signs on Billman Street
- Scheduled motorcycle officers to conduct enforcement of cars running the left-turn red light at Mission Bay Drive and Garnet Avenue

Community Character

- Graffiti was removed from the 2800 block of Adams Avenue
- A sidewalk was patched in the 3500 block of Wilshire Terrace
- An alley patch was completed south of Adams Avenue between Mansfield Street and Hawley Boulevard
- Palm fronds were removed from the 4000 block of Georgia Street
- An abandoned vehicle was removed from Fir Street and Pentucket Avenue
- Trip hazard on a sidewalk was repaired in the 3500 block of Wilshire Terrace

Constituent Support

- Connected an Ocean Beach pastor seeking civic opportunities for his congregants with five neighborhood groups in need of volunteers for various projects
- In conjunction with the District Four office, provided a new trash receptacle for a constituent
- Assisted an elderly constituent in getting her water turned back on immediately after she returned home after a lengthy hospital stay

Check out these great before and after pictures!



Tracking Todd



1. Attending the ribbon cutting of the Safe Routes to School project at Florence Griffith Joyner Elementary School. 2. Touring the Life-guard Communications Center with Chief Wurts. 3. With Lyly Chang at the National Association of Bilingual Education conference. 4. & 5. With community and business leaders at the Old Town Trolley Tours 25th Anniversary event. 6. Celebrating Black History Month with members of the FBF (Facebook Friends) organization that advocates for non-violent communities. 7. At the ground breaking of a new Walgreens in District Four. 8. Attending the groundbreaking of a Kaiser Permanente hospital in Kearny Mesa.

Council President Todd Gloria serves on the following:

Chair, Budget and Government Efficiency Committee

Member, San Diego Association of Governments Board (SANDAG)

Chair, SANDAG Transportation Committee

Member, SANDAG Executive Committee

Alternate, Metropolitan Transit System Board

Liaison, Civic San Diego

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