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May is National Bike Month

By Council President Todd Gloria

May is National Bike Month, and few places can boast of having a more perfect climate for biking than San Diego.

A key part of Bike Month is Bike to Work Day, a nationally recognized event celebrated annually on the third Friday in May, falling on May 17 this year. Bike to Work 2013 supports bicycling as a viable, environmentally friendly, cost saving commute choice.

Individuals who participate in Bike to Work 2013 have the chance to get fit, save time and money, and receive great freebies.

As a proud member of SANDAG and as Chair of the SANDAG Transportation Committee, I encourage you to visit www.SANDAG.org to register for Bike to Work Day, and log your bike trips in TripTracker to be automatically entered to win one of many great prizes.

SANDAG's website also features a map to help plan your route and includes almost 90 pit stop locations throughout the region which offer fun

breaks for new and experienced cyclists on Bike to Work Day. Pit stops are places where riders can rest and pick up free t-shirts, snacks, and encouragement.

Don't wait until May 17 to commute by bike though, because every time you bike to work and log your trips online, you will be entered into weekly prize drawings throughout the month.

The San Diego County Bicycle Coalition (www.sdcbc.org) and Bike San Diego (www.bikesd.org) both feature a variety of information, resources, and events on their websites. The advocacy of these groups and their members has greatly advanced the awareness of bicycling infrastructure needs and ensures biking is a part of every transportation discussion in our region.

As you enthusiastically add more biking into your commute and recreational plans, I commit to further additions of bike infrastructure to increase safety and efficiency so this can be a real transportation option for more San Diegans.

Chat with Council President Gloria at an Upcoming Event

If you have questions and comments for Todd, or just want to find out the latest news about City issues, please drop by one of the events below. In addition to the numerous community events he attends, Council President Gloria regularly organizes casual meetings in neighborhoods throughout District Three to stay in close touch with you.

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

**Coffee with your
Council President**
Saturday, May 18
10:00 — 11:30 a.m.
The Gathering Bar and Grill
902 W. Washington Street
Mission Hills

All Parties Agree on Tourism Marketing District Amendments

On April 15, the San Diego City Council approved an amended agreement with the Tourism Marketing District (TMD) which resolved disputed language and moved the TMD far closer to restarting the promotion of San Diego. Amendments strengthen indemnification for the City, increase transparency, and heighten

Council President Gloria Secures \$77,000 for The Center

Recognizing its continuous work and value to the greater San Diego community, Council President Todd Gloria and his colleagues allocated \$77,000 of Community Projects, Programs, and Services (CPPS) funds to The San Diego LGBT Center. CPPS funds are the result of savings in the office budgets of Councilmembers which each can spend on qualified organizations and projects.

The Center houses over 40 programs and services that reach out to the LGBT, HIV/AIDS, and allied communities. The CPPS funding provided will support core programs such as Sunburst Youth Housing Project, Hillcrest Youth Center, Behavioral Health Sciences, HIV Services, Latino Services, and Family Matters, Senior Services. The funds provided by Council President Gloria and six of his colleagues will help ensure the aforementioned programs and services continue. He is grateful that Councilmembers see The Center as the true citywide resource it is.

Council Demonstrates Collaboration with Immigration Reform Action

The San Diego City Council voted unanimously in April to ask Congress to pass comprehensive immigration reform that maintains border security while providing a pathway to citizenship. The unanimous action by the four Democrats and four Republicans signaled the will of the nation's largest border city and marked a dramatic change since an earlier proposed immigration-related resolution was discussed along clear party lines at a City Council committee meeting.

"The San Diego City Council's action demonstrate our ability to work collaboratively and productively on issues as controversial as immigration reform," said Council President Todd Gloria. "San Diego knows firsthand how our nation's broken immigration system is hurting our economy and millions of families. I am proud of my colleagues for putting aside partisan politics in favor of a strong recommendation of immigration reforms that are appropriate for the San Diego region and the nation. I hope our leaders in Washington take a lesson from our collaborative approach and prioritize action over arguing."

Council President Gloria also wrote to members of the local Congressional delegation thanking them for or requesting their support of the Uniting American Families Act, ensuring the inclusion of LGBT families in comprehensive immigration reform.

the importance of funding for the 2015 Centennial of the Panama-California Exposition in Balboa Park. The amendments were agreed to by the Mayor and the TMD earlier in the day.

"Today's action again demonstrates the City Council's pragmatic, collaborative approach to achieving compromise," said Council President Todd Gloria. "Understanding the critical importance of the tourism industry gave us confidence that all stakeholders could work together on an agreement that is both beneficial and responsible, and that time was well used."

The Council approved the First Amendment to the operating agreement which included a provision to release some previously collected funds to the TMD for promotional purposes. The final step in the process was for the Mayor to sign the operating agreement, which the City Council directed him to do in a previous action. The Mayor signed the operating agreement a couple of weeks later.

"The amended agreement is good for San Diego, and we need to focus on other critical issues now," said Council President Gloria.

The City's budget and the regional economy are greatly impacted by tourism. The more people who know about San Diego through the TMD's promotional efforts, the better the chances of them traveling to the city. When people travel to San Diego, transient occupancy tax is generated, which is a key component of the City's General Fund, paying for core services like fire-rescue, police, and libraries. Further, 160,000 jobs in the region are dependent on

Civic San Diego Receives \$35 Million of New Market Tax Credit Allocation

Civic San Diego received an award in April of \$35 million of New Market Tax Credit (NMTC) funds from the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, a division of the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

"This funding award demonstrates the critical work being done in San Diego to address real needs in many of our communities," said Council President Todd Gloria.

The NMTC Program was established by Congress in 2000 to drive investment in operating businesses and real estate projects in low-income communities. The program attracts investment capital to these communities by allowing corporations and individuals to receive a credit against their Federal income taxes in exchange for making direct equity investments in entities like the Civic San Diego Economic Growth and Neighborhood Investment Fund.

According to Civic San Diego President Jeff Graham, "San Diego's neighborhoods will be the direct beneficiaries of this funding which goes towards projects that create jobs and provide services to low-income and highly distressed neighborhoods."

Community Connection: The Todd Squad is Working for You

Strengthening Public Safety

- Palm trees dangerously close to power lines in the 2800 block of Hawthorn St. were addressed in collaboration with SDG&E.
- A new stop sign was installed at Upas Street and Granada Avenue.
- A leaking fire hydrant located at Sixth Avenue and Upas Street was repaired.
- Graffiti was removed from the Adams Avenue bridge over I-805.
- Multiple streetlights near Fourth Avenue and Broadway were fixed.

Infrastructure Investments



- The railings and posts of the fenced barricade on Elm Street near 32nd Street Canyon were repaired. Check out the picture.
- The 1300 block of Bancroft Street will be patched. Additional improvements like repaving are the responsibility of

abutting property owners because it is classified as an unimproved road.

- A crumbling alley near the 3800 block of Herman Street was repaired.
- A broken water valve was replaced to prevent water filling the water meter box on the 3000 block of Thorn Street.
- Herman Avenue from North Park Way to University Avenue is scheduled to be repaved in May. Vermont Street between Essex Street and University Avenue is also scheduled for repaving this month.
- A hole in the sidewalk in the 4000 block of Ibis Street was repaired.

News You Can Use: Rock 'n' Roll Marathon is June 2

The course for the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon on June 2 has changed significantly from years past, and now traverses many District Three communities, which will bring added focus to our greatness, and could equate to a traffic headache if you're unprepared. Please take a moment to review the traffic impact maps online and spread the word so the day is one of success, celebration, and safety for all. Visit <http://runrocknroll.competitor.com/san-diego/road-closures> and scroll down to the Detailed Community Access Information section, which features neighborhood-specific information.



EPIC SUMMER RUN

Community Character

- The City is working to procure a new contractor to complete work on the Vermont Street Bridge. Construction is expected to begin in June.
- A contract has been awarded to complete the long awaited Juniper Dip sidewalk, which is expected to proceed in the coming months following resolution of items related to a bird survey and utility relocations.
- The water billing concerns of seven constituents were resolved.
- The streets signs for Blaine Avenue were removed, marking the completed transition to Harvey Milk Street.
- Homeless encampments along India Street between Palm Avenue and Washington Street were addressed by Environmental Services and the San Diego Police Department.
- An abandoned couch was removed from the alley behind Hawley Boulevard.
- Clean up has begun at an abandoned house in the 4800 block of Circle Drive thanks to action by the Neighborhood Code Compliance team.
- The logistics for construction activity blocking a driveway in the 600 block of B Street were changed to allow easier access for building residents nearby.

Upas Street Pipeline Replacement Project Open Houses

You are invited to provide feedback about the best ways to lessen construction impacts to the community during construction of the Upas Street Pipeline Replacement Project.

Thursday, May 15, 2013

6:30 — 8:30 p.m.

Roosevelt Middle School Library
3366 Park Blvd.

Saturday, May 18, 2013

10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

Balboa Park Club Ballroom
2144 Pan American Rd. West

RSVP to 619-533-4207 or engineering@sanidiego.gov.

The project extends from the western end of W. Upas Street all the way to Ray Street in North Park.

The project is currently in the planning and design phase and will replace old cast iron water mains and upgrade the water delivery system servicing your community. The project will help bring the existing water system up to current standards, improve system reliability, and reduce maintenance needs and costs.

Construction is projected to occur from Winter 2014 through Spring 2015, though this is subject to change. Visit www.sandiego.gov/cip and click on Project Information for the latest updates.

Tracking Todd



The Friends of Balboa Park, second graders from Einstein Academy in South Park, and Todd planted 18 trees along Sixth Avenue in Balboa Park in honor of Arbor Day on April 26.



Todd helped raise funds for the National Foundation for Autism Research on Free Cone Day at Ben & Jerry's on April 9 at Seaport Village. Learn more at www.nfar.org.



Todd proclaimed April 28 to be Pastor Wayne Riggs Day in San Diego in recognition of his 60 year career and 23 years leading North Park's Plymouth Congregational Church.



Todd was proud to stand with hotel workers at the Hilton Mission Valley on April 5 to affirm his support for their right to organize without fear of retaliation by their employer. As the son of a former hotel maid, Todd knows how hard these folks work and why they deserve to have their voices heard.

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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Budget Review is Happening Now: Add Your Voice



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.

All meetings are held in
City Council Chambers,
202 C Street, 12th floor.

If you cannot attend, you are welcome to submit questions and comments by email to toddgloria@sanidiego.gov.

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.

- Risk Management
- City Treasurer
- Personnel
- City Auditor
- City Attorney
- City Clerk
- Ethics Commission

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