



News from
Councilmember Todd Gloria
City of San Diego ▪ District Three

Friends,

It's amazing that eight months have passed since I was sworn into office. Your ongoing input and participation continue to fuel my passion for public service, and I ask you to share your questions and concerns with me in person at one of the events below, by contacting the office via phone or email, or by using Twitter, Facebook or MySpace. Community partnerships have also made positive progress possible in two notable projects described below.

Fiscally Responsible Neighborhood Improvements

Myrtle Way

The curve of Myrtle Way near Balboa Park has been improved by the removal of a chain link fence and the restored accessibility of the sidewalk there. You may recall that the historic pergola that once graced the area was destroyed by a storm many years ago. Since then, local residents, visitors and users of the popular path below have had to live with an unsightly chain link fence that protruded onto the sidewalk.

The City planned to rebuild the pergola for an astronomical \$550,000. Considering the financial straits we're in and the long deferred maintenance list of needs in Balboa Park, I found such an expenditure unacceptable. After using approximately \$11,000 to clear the site, add the new fence and install a new irrigation system, I asked that the remainder of the \$550,000 allocation be used to repair the badly damaged Museum of Man dome, which will protect the museum's priceless collection and was therefore a higher priority. While I hope a pergola will one day return to the site, I am pleased that the neighborhood character has been restored and the site remains safe. The neighbors along Myrtle Way have been instrumental in these changes, and I appreciate their continued partnership.

The site now:



Through my office's partnership with the City Redevelopment Agency, the Engineering and Capital Projects Department, the San Diego Police Department and Price Charities, I am pleased to report that 11 new streetlights have been added to City Heights in the following locations:

45th St. south of Polk Ave., east side
Menlo Ave. south of Polk Ave., east side
Menlo Ave. north of University Ave., west side
Highland Ave. north of Dwight St., west side
Highland Ave. north of Dwight St., east side
46th St. south of University Ave., west side
Landis St. at 46th St.
Landis St. east of Van Dyke Ave., south side
Polk Ave. west of Marlborough Ave., south side
Polk Ave. east of Van Dyke Ave., south side
Highland Ave. near Landis St., east side

These lights promote safety and urban vitality in this critical neighborhood. Eleven more locations are being evaluated as part of an agreement to install a total of 22 lights within a 10 block radius of the Urban Village in City Heights.

Upcoming Events

Coffee with your Councilmember

Saturday, July 11
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Lei Lounge
4622 Park Blvd.
Drop by for a casual conversation with me about City-related issues.

Pride Parade

Saturday, July 18
11:00 a.m.
The parade begins on University Ave. at Normal St. and progresses west to Sixth Ave. concluding at Balboa Park.

If you want to join me and my City Council colleagues, please send an email to toddgloria@sandiego.gov, and we'll send you specific information.

Pride Festival

Saturday, July 18 – Sunday, July 19
Balboa Park near Sixth Ave. and Laurel St.
One of the most festive street fairs in San Diego, the Festival is an integral part of the LGBT Pride weekend. My office will be sharing information about City programs and discussing important issues with visitors.

Coffee with your Councilmember

Saturday, August 1
10:30 – 12:00 p.m.
Alchemy Restaurant
1503 30th St.
Drop by for a casual conversation with me about City-related issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Todd". The signature is stylized with a large, looping 'T' and a cursive 'odd'.

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