

Friends,

As I write this, more than 3,000 firefighters, including more than 30 from the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department, are valiantly working to save lives, homes and precious vegetation in Los Angeles County. I ask you to keep them and everyone impacted by the tragic fires in your thoughts and prayers.

Land Use and Housing Committee Update: Protect Our Future and Preserve Our Past

This week, the San Diego City Council swung back into action after its annual August recess. I will be chairing two meetings of the Land Use and Housing Committee this month. The items we will tackle illustrate the range of issues we must address to preserve our past and protect our future. Tomorrow's agenda includes a discussion of sustainable building practices and the entire September 23rd agenda is dedicated to historic preservation issues.

Protect Our Future

San Diegans should be proud that we are leaders in renewable energy generation. The installation of 2,262 solar roofs in San Diego has displaced the carbon footprint of 12,000 homes. The most economically efficient strategy for reducing greenhouse gas emissions lies in reducing consumption. The operation of buildings generates 43% of all carbon emissions, making it the greatest source in U.S. Building design can greatly increase energy and water efficiency, and I believe an effective Sustainable Building Policy for San Diego is long overdue. My vision for such a policy includes a voluntary incentive program encouraging the City, builders and the public to work in partnership. There are economically intelligent ways to reduce our consumption without impeding necessary development. I look forward to a more complete discussion of my ideas for improved efficiency in public and private buildings at tomorrow's meeting and hope you will share your insights as well.

Land Use and Housing Committee
Wednesday, September 2
2:00 p.m.
City Administration Building, 12th floor
202 C Street

Preserve Our Past

San Diego and Council District Three are home to a variety of historic structures and neighborhoods. On September 23rd at the Land Use and Housing Committee will be Historic Resources Day, where the committee will focus exclusively on issues concerning historic preservation. The committee will consider options to preserve community character by strengthening the review process for applications to demolish or significantly modify potentially historic homes. It will also give input on a proposal to

establish Historic Conservation Districts based on successful models from other cities. In addition, the committee will consider revisions to the Land Development Code and General Plan that will provide incentives and remove disincentives for preserving historical resources.

The Land Use and Housing Committee will also receive updates on the Mills Act reforms that were enacted by the City Council last year, as well as status updates on proposed historic districts in Kensington, North Park and Mission Hills.

If you share my interest in preservation of the historic resources that add so much character to our communities, I hope you will attend the meeting.

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Community Commitment

I know that coming down to City Hall is difficult for many of my neighbors because of family and job obligations. Because I'm committed to representing your interests, I spend considerable time being available to you in District Three. Below is a list of my next several Community Coffees and a schedule of local civic group meetings that I will attend over the next several weeks. Please bring your questions, input and concerns to share and let me know how my staff and I can best serve your neighborhood. More meetings and events are also listed on my website, www.sandiego.gov/cd3.

Azalea Park Neighborhood Association

Tuesday, September 8
6:30 p.m.
Azalea Park Recreation Center
2596 Violet Street

Coffee with your Councilmember

Saturday, September 12
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Cordua Residence in Talmadge
4892 Lucille Place

Coffee with your Councilmember

Saturday, September 26
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
City Heights-Weingart Branch Library
3795 Fairmount Ave.

Adams Avenue Street Fair

Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27

All day

Adams Avenue between 32nd and 35th Streets

20th Anniversary AIDS Walk

Sunday, September 27

8:00 a.m.

Balboa Park

Quince Street at 6th Avenue

Join Todd's team at aidswalksd.kintera.org

Balboa Park Committee

Thursday, October 1

6:00 p.m.

Santa Fe Room of the Balboa Park Club

2150 Pan American Road

University Heights Community Association

Thursday, October 1

7:15 p.m.

Alice Birney Elementary School Auditorium

4345 Campus Ave.

Uptown Planners

Tuesday, October 6

6:15 p.m.

Joyce Beers Center

1230 Cleveland Ave.

If you cannot attend any of the above events, I encourage you to stay in touch with me by calling 619-236-6633, emailing ToddGloria@sandiego.gov, or using Facebook, Twitter or MySpace.

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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