



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

Friends,

I extend my thanks to those of you who have taken the opportunity to share with me your input about potential solutions to the budget deficit we are facing at the City of San Diego. I also want to encourage your participation in upcoming public meetings.

Fixing the City's finances will require service cuts, efficiencies and new revenues. The most important element, however, in this equation is you. San Diegans are of critical importance to the conversation of how to best address the City's budget deficit that is projected to be \$179 million to \$200 million for the next fiscal year. When we fully address our budget challenges over the next two years, we will have built a solid foundation from which to move our City forward.

**Let's Talk About the Budget**

A Special Coffee with your Councilmember  
Saturday, October 24  
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
Urban Solace  
3823 30th Street

**Budget and Finance Committee Hearings: "San Diego Speaks"**

Wednesday, October 28,  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Golden Hill Elementary  
1240 33rd Street

Thursday, November 19  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
DePortola Middle School  
11010 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

Saturday, November 21  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Hoover High School  
4474 El Cajon Blvd.

Wednesday, December 9

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Joe and Vi Jacobs Center  
404 Euclid Ave.

All comments and suggestions are welcome via all avenues. Please contact my office by phone (619-236-6633) or email ([ToddGloria@sandiego.gov](mailto:ToddGloria@sandiego.gov)), chat with me at any of the events or meetings in the community, or connect with me on Twitter, Facebook or MySpace.

### **Join Me for Fall FaceLift on Saturday!**

In addition to my budget-focused community coffee this Saturday, I urge everyone to participate in one of the most impactful neighborhood-strengthening events in Council District Three: Fall FaceLift.

FaceLift is a spruce-up-a-block-in-a-day event that is accomplished through the help of community volunteers, neighborhood associations, business leaders and local elected officials acting as a catalyst to build pride and equality. Ten to 12 homes in a one block area of the Azalea Park neighborhood of City Heights will be made over in one day.

Fall FaceLift 2009

Saturday, October 24

8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Check in at the corner of Glenfield St. and Manzanita Dr.

Directions to the site: I-805 south to Home Ave., turn left on Home Ave. eastbound to Fairmount Ave., turn left on Fairmount Ave. northbound to Glenfield St., then turn left on Glenfield St. which will dead end into Manzanita Dr.

Want to help? Contact Linda Pennington at 619-563-4014 or [gizmopennington@cox.net](mailto:gizmopennington@cox.net)

### **MTS Board Approves Stricter Taxicab Penalties**

I am proud to report that my colleagues on the Metropolitan Transit Service (MTS) Board of Directors today unanimously approved penalty guidelines designed to improve taxicab vehicle conditions and safety in San Diego.

As the Chair of the MTS Taxicab Committee, I am confident that taxicabs will be safer thanks to these guidelines. The new stricter penalties will improve compliance among taxicab permit holders, and the passengers and general public will be better protected.

The new guidelines increase the penalties for dozens of violations ranging from malfunctioning safety equipment to inappropriate tire pressure and from a lack of proof of insurance to display of driver identification. Previous administrative penalties proved inadequate in ensuring necessary vehicle maintenance.

Through intensified vehicle field inspections, MTS found that an alarming number of taxicabs were found to be in unacceptable condition. Inspections between January

2008 and February 2009 resulted in 85% of vehicles being removed from service for poor condition. Inspections between March 1, 2009 and June 30, 2009 yielded a 70% failure rate. Poor conditions included bad tires, unsafe brakes, body damage and unsecured seats. Vehicles had to be fixed before returning to the road.

MTS will continue our strong oversight and enforcement of vehicle safety regulations. Should the new penalties not result in better vehicle maintenance, we will consider additional steps. Public safety will not be compromised.

I hope this information is helpful to you. If you have questions or concerns about these or input on any other City-related issue, please stay in touch with me by calling 619-236-6633, emailing [ToddGloria@sandiego.gov](mailto: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, looped 'T' and a cursive 'odd'.

Todd

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