



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

Friends,

Happy Holidays to each of you! My latest District Three Dialogue newsletter is attached and includes information on budget cuts, historic resources and some accomplishments in our neighborhoods.

I hope you are taking the opportunity to participate in the myriad holiday events throughout Council District Three this season. The North Park Holiday Parade, December Nights, lighting the tree in Kensington and helping our San Diego City Firefighters hand out holiday food to City Heights neighbors all helped get me in the holiday spirit last weekend and provided necessary perspective as I contemplate the challenges before us.

**Coffee with your Councilmember**

My final community coffee in 2009 is this Saturday morning. I hope you'll join me to informally discuss issues of interest to you.

Community Coffee  
Saturday, December 12  
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Hall of Champions in Balboa Park

**City Budget Developments**

Tomorrow, the City Council is scheduled to vote on the proposed reductions to the current budget. The main article in the attached District Three Dialogue outlines some of the proposals. I remain seriously concerned about the impacts of the cuts, especially in the Police and Fire-Rescue Departments. Chiefs from both departments stated they would have implementation plans prepared next week, and I will be back in touch with you then so you understand how our neighborhood services will change until the City generates the money we need to provide them.

Public input has helped shape our discussion of how we approach our largest ever deficit, and I am grateful to each of you who have taken the time to share your suggestions and comment over the last few months. The final community forum about the proposed changes to the City budget is tonight, and the City Council will deliberate final remedies tomorrow and next Monday. Details for all three public meetings are below, and your participation is encouraged.

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

TONIGHT, December 8

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Joe and Vi Jacobs Center

404 Euclid Ave.

**City Council Meeting**

Wednesday, December 9

9:00 a.m.

City Council Chambers

202 C Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor

**City Council Meeting**

Monday, December 14

2:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

202 C Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor

**Proposed Transit Cuts**

As mentioned in my last e-newsletter, the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) intends to cut \$7 million in transit service to overcome sales tax revenue shortfalls. To preserve the network of weekday services and to impact as few riders as possible, MTS is proposing to substantially reduce service on Sundays. A public hearing has been scheduled for the MTS Board Meeting this Thursday, December 10. If you did not participate in the public outreach meetings in November, please take the time to comment by attending the meeting, emailing [mts.planning@sdmts.com](mailto:mts.planning@sdmts.com) or by calling 619-557-4912. All information about the proposed cuts is available at [www.sdmts.com](http://www.sdmts.com).

**Storm Damage**

I hope you all weathered yesterday's storm unfettered. Unfortunately, our Council district was quite affected. On my way to work this morning, I noticed storm drain problems, street signal outages and tree limbs lining the streets. Please call the City's Streets Division at (619) 527-7500 to report problems in your neighborhoods. Be sure to request a ticket number, so that my office can help you to track the status of your issue. I want to thank our City employees who worked late into the night and were back out early this morning addressing these matters.

**Community Development Block Grants**

FY11 CDBG Applications are now available online at

<http://www.sandiego.gov/cdbg/apps/index.shtml>

**SAVE THE DATE: State of Council District Three**

Monday, February 1

6:30 p.m.

Conrad Prebys Theatre at the Old Globe

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'.

Todd

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<http://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd3>.