

News from Councilmember Todd Gloria

City of San Diego - District Three

Friends,

San Diego's New Harvey Milk Street is the First in the Country

San Diego became the first city in the nation to honor Harvey Milk with a street bearing his name when the City Council unanimously approved renaming Blaine Avenue in Hillcrest as Harvey Milk Street yesterday.

Harvey Milk's legacy as a civil rights leader remains strong, and today's action affirms the City of San Diego's belief in his work for equality for all people. It was an honor to vote to solidify Milk's position as a true advocate for under-represented people, and a privilege to have my colleagues stand united with me for this historic action.

Street signs are expected to be revealed on May 22 at a public celebration at Centre Street and Harvey Milk Street, which would have been Milk's birthday.

The renaming effort was led by local neighbors seeking to provide a lasting tribute to Milk. All costs for permitting and the new signs were paid for by private contributions. I remain grateful to all community members who played roles in this project.

Next Tuesday, May 15, the City Council will consider approving the Pride Flag Monument. The Hillcrest Business Association is working on the proposal to install a permanent pride flag on Normal Street in Hillcrest. The project includes the installation of a 65-foot flagpole with a 12-foot by 18-foot rainbow flag. San Diego LGBT Pride will pay for maintenance of the flag and pole after construction is complete, with funds from private donors pre-paid. Your input will help inform my decision and that of my Council colleagues, so let your thoughts be known.

Historic Bronze Plaques to be Replaced

In another action yesterday, the City Council authorized \$5,000 from the Historic Preservation Fund be spent to replace historic markers stolen from the public right-of-way and City property in Mission Hills. The markers include two signs each for Inspiration Heights, Sunset Boulevard and Alameda Drive, and one sign identifying Mission Hills Pioneer Park Playground.

Council President Pro Tem Kevin Faulconer contributed \$1,700 to the Historic Preservation Fund for this purpose, and I will be happy to see the plaques back where they belong. Thefts of bronze plaques, wires and other fixtures remain a concern throughout San Diego. If you notice suspicious activity in your neighborhood, please report it to the police.

Check Out the New Capital Projects Website

As part of our ongoing efforts to more closely connect you with your City government, a new website focused on the capital improvement program was unveiled a few days ago. If you pass by City work crews and want to know what they're doing, are wondering what stage a project is

in, or are an infrastructure nerd like me, you'll find the new site incredibly helpful. Visit <u>www.sandiego.gov/cip/</u> and let me know what you think!

Another Chance to Weigh in on the City Budget

This week, the City Council is wrapping up our hearings on the proposed budgets of all City departments. In case it's too difficult to make it to City Hall during the day to attend and participate in discussions on the Fiscal Year 2013 proposed budget, we're holding an evening session next Monday. Your input is always welcome!

City Council Budget Hearing Monday, May 14, 6:00 p.m. City Administration Building 202 C Street, 12th floor

Coffee with your Councilmember

Thank you to the folks who attended last weekend's community coffee, and thanks to Lestat's on Park for hosting us! We had a great conversation and covered several neighborhood topics. Details for my next coffee are below; mark your calendar and join me!

Coffee with your Councilmember Saturday, May 26, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Vons, 515 W. Washington Street

An Invitation from The Old Globe

The Old Globe invites residents of District Three to visit their main campus in Balboa Park to learn more about the current production of *The Scottsboro Boys*, a new musical from the creators of *Chicago*, *Cabaret* and *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, directed by five-time Tony Award winner Susan Stroman. The critically-acclaimed musical opened May 5 and runs through June 10, 2012, with discounted tickets available through the Globe's "\$20 Under 30" program. *The Scottsboro Boys* explores a pivotal moment in American history with arresting originality, innovative staging and a breathtaking score that The Wall Street Journal called "One of the best-staged productions ever to come to Broadway. It is impossible not to be thrilled." Based on the notorious "Scottsboro" case of the 1930s, this inspiring and shocking story tells of the nine unjustly accused young African American men whose lives would eventually spark the Civil Rights Movement.

Students from local high schools, including Hoover High, San Diego High, Lincoln High and the School for Creative and Performing Arts, will be attending free student matinees. The Globe has also scheduled several free events that further explore the important issues behind the show:

- Turning Points in San Diego Civil Rights History, June 4 at 7 p.m. (reception at 6:30 p.m.): Carrol Waymon and John Warren lead a discussion of the civil rights movement in San Diego.
- Post-show forums, May 13 (matinee), 15, 19 (matinee), 23, 30 and June 5: Cast members discuss the production and take questions after "Scottsboro" performances.

For more information on all these events, call the Globe at 619-234-5623 or visit the theater online at <u>www.TheOldGlobe.org</u>.

If you have questions or concerns on these or any other topic of interest, please contact me at toddgloria@sandiego.gov, 619-236-6633, or via Facebook or Twitter.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Todd

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