



News from **Councilmember Todd Gloria**

City of San Diego ▪ District Three

Friends,

Another busy week is drawing to a close. We approved a project that will be celebrated by generations of San Diegans as a great improvement for Balboa Park; there are scores of costumed visitors enjoying Comic Con; the Pride Flag Monument pole is now upright; and streets are being repaved in many neighborhoods. Please read the information below for updates on some other issues impacting our City.

Donation of Police Bicycles

I started my week surrounded by police officers. I wasn't in trouble; I was donating much-needed bicycles to the San Diego Police Department to assist in the mission of protection and service to residents, business owners and visitors to the neighborhoods served by the officers and volunteers.

Using funds available from my office budget savings, I donated bicycles and necessary safety equipment to the San Diego Police Department's Central Division. These bikes will provide additional resources and an alternate means for officers and volunteers, including the Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP) members, to patrol the Gaslamp, Balboa Park, and other neighborhoods within Central Division. Officers on bicycles enjoy greater mobility in sometimes crowded areas, as well increased interaction with people and high-visibility crime deterrence.

I appreciate the leadership of Chief Bill Lansdowne, Assistant Chief Boyd Long, and Captain Mark Jones, and was happy to be able to be present to unveil the new bicycles.

Creating Change with Parking Meter Change

Serving as Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, I championed changes on Wednesday to policies and procedures to make more effective use of available funds for parking, bicycle, and pedestrian improvements in the City of San Diego.

The shortage of parking is a problem in many San Diego communities, and funds are available to solve it. City staff and parking districts must move forward with tangible parking improvements for our neighborhoods.

Community Parking District (CPD) advisory boards have expressed frustration with the speed at which their proposals and projects are analyzed and implemented by City staff. Councilmember Gloria and parking-impacted neighbors believe a focus by CPDs on studies and reports has resulted in too few tangible benefits or additional parking spaces.

The Budget and Finance Committee's oversight hearing included a discussion of guidelines for the use of parking meter funds, and the Committee took action to resolve challenges and streamline the current process.

The Committee approved a motion asking City staff to consider potential changes I identified for inclusion in Council Policy 100-18 and to modify existing agreements with the City's CPDs, and asking staff to bring back changes to the Budget and Finance Committee for consideration.

Potential modifications include but are not limited to the following:

- Prioritizing funding for tangible results and creating additional parking spaces;
- Eliminating inappropriate restrictions on allowable distances and impact zones for CPD project expenditures;
- Using previous successful projects as guidelines for future implementation to cut down on analysis and review time;
- Increasing regular coordination with necessary City departments and City Attorney; and
- Adding quantifiable performance measures into annual plans and budgets for CPD Boards.

Parking meter revenue is split between the City's General Fund, which receives 55%, and CPDs, which receive 45%. CPDs are tasked with using the funds to implement parking solutions in their neighborhoods. Three CPDs have amassed unallocated balances totaling more than \$1 million in areas that all suffer from tremendous parking shortages:

- Uptown: \$1,100,801
- Mid-City/El Cajon Boulevard: \$244,607
- Mid-City/University Heights: \$158,875

At the hearing, I called out some parking improvements that have been implemented in recent years.

- Angled parking was installed on Meade Avenue near Campus Avenue in University Heights, yielding a net gain of 10 parking spaces for a cost of \$3,200.
- The long-fenced vacant Pernicano's parking lot in Hillcrest was opened for public use, generating 36 parking spaces at no cost to the City.
- A bicycle parking corral in Hillcrest added 12 on-street bike parking spaces for \$2,500.

It doesn't take a lot of money to make a big difference in addressing parking shortages. Our neighborhoods deserve better and should not have to wait for more of these improvements.

I will continue to fight to ensure neighborhoods receive benefits as mitigation for their impacted parking conditions. Next steps include hiring a City traffic engineer to coordinate projects and updating parking regulations to clarify and simplify policies.

Coastal Commission Approves Seals Solution

Also on Wednesday, the California Coastal Commission approved a year-round rope barrier between humans and seals for the Children's Pool in La Jolla. I sent a letter to the Coastal Commission urging this approval and also stated support for an alternative proposal to monitor the area. The letter is attached. The details of the monitoring process will be worked out through the development of the site development permit. I hope the sensible recommendations are implemented for the continued animal use and human enjoyment of the area.

University Avenue Mobility Plan Meeting – Thursday, July 19

There will be a special joint meeting of the North Park Planning Committee and North Park Main Street on Thursday, July 19 focused on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the University

Avenue Mobility Plan. Dean Marsden, the City's Project Manager, will speak at the meeting. The environmental documents can all be found [online](#).

University Avenue Mobility Plan Meeting
Thursday, July 19, 6:00 p.m.
Queen Bee, 3925 Ohio Street

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Todd".

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