



News from **Councilmember Todd Gloria**

City of San Diego ▪ District Three

Friends,

Happy Friday! I hope this message finds you healthy, happy, and looking forward to a fun weekend.

Securing \$1.3 Million for Homeless Services

Like you, I've noticed the growing number of homeless individuals in our neighborhoods. The City, through the San Diego Housing Commission, supports several projects and programs to end the cycle of homelessness and help our neediest neighbors return to self-sustaining paths. This week, the City Council set aside \$1.3 million of our annual federal Community Development Block Grant monies to fund basic homeless support services. This means that funds are guaranteed for Connections Housing, San Diego's first permanent year round homeless services center which is set to open this winter; the Neil Good Day Center; the Cortez Hill Family Shelter; and the Veterans Winter Shelter.

I am incredibly proud that my Council colleagues understood the importance of avoiding future funding uncertainty and ensured that homeless programs administered by the Housing Commission on behalf of the City will be funded so San Diego's homeless population can be helped with these essential services. Much more needs to be done to assist our neighbors and decrease impacts on our communities, and securing these funds was a necessary and positive step forward.

Your Guide to the City's Capital Improvement Program

Have you ever wondered when certain City projects were going to be done and how they were prioritized?

Stemming from conversations with community members during the budget development process last spring, the Office of the Independent Budget Analyst is introducing the Citizen's Guide to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). It was developed to provide a solid foundation of knowledge on the CIP.

This guide can be used in conjunction with the Citizen's Guide to the City's Operating Budget. Both guides can be found by visiting the IBA's webpage at <http://www.sandiego.gov/iba/otherdocs/index.shtml>.

As the Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, I know these guides will help San Diegans provide informed input to City leaders on spending priorities. Please take the time to check them out.

The Return of City Tree Trimming

One of the many City services impacted by previous budget challenges was tree trimming. Council District Three certainly felt the effect of the service's discontinuation, and I'm happy to share good news with you today. As part of the current year's budget, the City Council allocated \$257,000 for tree services. It has been determined that the funds will be used to trim approximately 7,500 palm trees citywide, nearly 25% of the total planted within the public right-of-way. City staff will determine the appropriate schedule and route for the trimming. I look forward to a day when our City's financial strength again allows for a more centralized and robust urban forestry program, but I know you join me in welcoming the upcoming palm tree trimming as a start.

October 2012 is Kids Free Month

A variety of "kids free" incentives are available this month, ranging from complimentary meals, attraction admission, and Amtrak rides to welcome amenities at area hotels and much more. The San Diego Zoo and Safari Park, SeaWorld, LEGOLAND, and many museums are all participating in this great deal. Visit www.sandiego.org/KidsFree for more information.

Upcoming Events

Adams Avenue Street Fair

Saturday, September 29 – Sunday, September 30
On Adams Avenue in the heart of Normal Heights

Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Saturday, September 29, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Mid-City Police Department

4310 Landis St. (enter through the back driveway on 43rd St.)

Presented by the DEA and SDPD Mid City Division, this is a great opportunity to drop off unused prescription drugs and dispose of them safely. The service is free and anonymous; no questions will be asked. Prescription and over-the-counter solid dosage medications (such as tablets and capsules) will be accepted. Thanks to SAY San Diego, Latino Youth Council, and Promotoras from the Cinco de Mayo co Orgullo Coalition for supporting this event.

Book Sale

Saturday, October 6, 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
City Heights/Weingart Branch Library
3795 Fairmount Ave.
Sponsored by the Friends of City Heights Library

FilAmFest

Filipino-American Arts & Culture Festival
Saturday, October 6
Paradise Valley Road
Free Admission
www.filamfest.org

Financial Planning Day

Saturday, October 6, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Port Pavilion at Broadway Pier
1000 North Harbor Dr.

Certified Financial Planners will provide free guidance on topics including improving your credit score, preventing identity theft, managing your money, career planning, first time homebuying, and several more. Please join me, Mayor Jerry Sanders, and County Treasurer-Tax Collector Dan McAllister for this great opportunity. To register, visit www.financialplanningdays.org or call 877-861-7826.

South Castle City Heights Community Cleanup and Recycling Event

Saturday, October 13, 8:00 a.m.

The City of San Diego Environmental Services Department will pick up the following items: appliances, electronics (including televisions and computers), lawnmowers (empty of gas and oil), metals, wood and yard trimmings (bundled and tied and not more than 50 lbs. or 6' long), carpeting, junk furniture, mattresses, palm fronds (bundled and tied and not more than 50 lbs. or 6' long).

Separate waste and metals and place them at the point of regular trash collection. Do not use automated refuse containers for this cleanup.

Environmental Services will not accept light bulbs/tubes, dirt, construction debris, or demolition rubble, hazardous waste (paint, motor oil, batteries), propane tanks, gas cylinders, or tires. For more information about the proper disposal of these items, please call 858-694-7000.

Register to Vote

Please note that the last day to register to vote for the November election is October 22. If you have never registered or if you have recently moved and want to vote in your current neighborhood, this is the time to act. Additional important dates from the [San Diego County Registrar of Voters](#) are below.

October 8, 2012: First day mail ballots will be available. First day that early voting is available at RoV. RoV is open for voting 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

October 15, 2012: Mail ballot processing (signature checking) begins. To observe, call 858-694-3403.

October 22, 2012: Last Day to Register to Vote

October 26, 2012: Opening and preparing mail ballots for computer tabulation.

October 29, 2012: Mail ballot scanning process begins (computer processing). To observe, call 858-694-3403

October 30, 2012: Last Day to Apply for a Mail Ballot. Requests are due to the RoV by 5:00 p.m.

November 3, 2012: Weekend voting at RoV. Registrar of Voters will be open for voting from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m.

November 6, 2012: Election Day. Polls and the Registrar of Voters are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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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