



News from

Council President Todd Gloria

City of San Diego ▪ District Three

Friends,

To the people of the great Third Council District, thank you for giving me the honor of being your voice for four more years. Monday was an exciting and humbling day as I was sworn in for my second term as your Councilmember, and my colleagues unanimously elected me as the Council President. I am grateful that so many of you were able to be part of the day and appreciate your support beyond words.

I welcome Old Town, Mission Hills, Five Points, Western Slopes, Bankers Hill, Park West, and Downtown to District Three. I know that my team and I are prepared to serve you well. With Golden Hill, Hillcrest, Normal Heights, North Park and University Heights, it is safe to say that you have joined the best Council District.

Four years ago, a massive budget deficit, crumbling infrastructure and a lack of public confidence were the hallmarks of our City government. Today, thanks to a team of City leaders and sacrifices by our City employees, our budget is structurally balanced, our roads are being repaired and San Diegans have a City Hall that works together to achieve progress for its citizens. Now, with solid financial footing, we must

It is time put forward a plan for the voters' consideration that would dramatically increase investment in repairing streets, sidewalks, streetlights, libraries and recreation centers. Modeled after successful efforts in other cities like Phoenix and San Antonio, and similar to local initiatives like TransNet and Proposition MM, I believe we can earn the public's support, create jobs, and end decades of neighborhood neglect. I look forward to building upon the infrastructure funding initiatives of the business community and neighborhood groups in the coming months to shape an effort that will invest in the future of our City, quality of life, and economic competitiveness.

Also on my agenda for my second term are ending homelessness Downtown in the next four years and launching EDGE2015, the yearlong centennial celebration of the 1915 Panama-California Exposition in Balboa Park.

Maintaining fiscal discipline, rebuilding our neighborhoods, ending homelessness Downtown and polishing our City's crown jewel may seem ambitious. When you add other goals like a sustainable water future, making San Diego more bike friendly, and protecting our open space, even the most optimistic among us may have their doubts. But I do not.

I have seen what this City can do. I've seen it shake off the moniker of Enron by the Sea and now be cited as a model of reform. I've seen us balk at the calls for bankruptcy and now enjoy a rising credit rating and healthy reserves. I've seen it reject those who would divide and demonize, and instead work together to build stability.

More importantly, I have lived what this City can do. I am as a third generation San Diegan whose family came here thanks to the United States Navy. I am the son of a hotel maid and a gardener. A Native American, Filipino, Puerto Rican, Dutch, gay guy who, with the love of a family, the benefit of an education, the guidance of great mentors, and the good fortune of being born in this City, managed to become your Councilmember.

I am excited about the year ahead and helping to further strengthen our City as the Council President, and remain wholeheartedly committed to serving District Three. In addition to Monday's festivities, this week included other critical work, including the first Community Advisory Group Meeting for the Uptown Regional Bike Corridor Project. The group assembled in the Balboa Park Club on Wednesday night was a who's who of District Three. I know your energy and dedication will make the project an absolute success. Additional news and upcoming events are below. Please do not hesitate contacting my office with any questions or comments.'

Upgraded Joint-Use Facilities Now Open in North Park

Yesterday, San Diego Unified School District Board Member Richard Barrera and I joined students, school staff, other leaders and community members at the official dedication of the newly upgraded joint-use facilities adjacent to ALBA Community School on Oregon Street.

The improvements include a new basketball court, new 30-foot light poles at the resurfaced joint-use playing field, new matting at the horizontal bars, newly repaired concrete sidewalk areas, new signage, and new fencing.

The new facilities and security features will greatly benefit this neighborhood park, and I am glad the long-term relationship between the school district and the City continues to generate positive community impacts.

Holiday Tree Lighting to Benefit Alpha Project's Winter Shelter

Tuesday, December 11, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Winter Shelter, 16th St. at Newton Ave.

Please visit the Winter Shelter and help me, Council President Pro Tem Kevin Faulconer, and Councilmembers David Alvarez and Marti Emerald raise funds to help our neediest neighbors. Whether you can give a dollar or many, or can simply spare some good cheer, join us for this inspiring evening.

Holiday Bridge Lights Mark 25th Anniversary

Friday, December 14, 6:00 p.m.
Lafayette Hotel, 2223 El Cajon Blvd.

Join me for the annual holiday bridge lighting along El Cajon Boulevard! This year marks the 25th anniversary of the holiday light display on the seven I-805 bridges that traverse the Mid-City communities of City Heights, North Park, and Normal Heights. This year also comes with a switch from 4,000 incandescent bulbs to energy saving LEDs. I was happy to contribute to this effort, and am glad Assemblymember Toni Atkins, County Supervisor, SDG&E, Caltrans, the

Mid-City Landscape Maintenance District, Sierra Display, Inc. also supported the project in various ways.

Annually, the light display, which shines brightly from Thanksgiving through the New Year, is produced through the diligence of the El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association, with the assistance of the Adams Avenue Business Association, North Park Main Street, and City Heights Business Association.

University Heights Clean Up

Each year the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department conducts special community cleanup events in neighborhoods throughout the City. Areas are selected for these events are based upon citizen requests, pledges of community involvement, and previous citizen participation levels.

On November 28, 2012, the department, along with Ms. Beth Jaworski, conducted a mini community cleanup in the University Heights area. This successful cleanup removed a total of 1.74 tons of waste including 1.50 tons of non-recyclables and .24 tons of recyclables consisting of metals and appliances from the neighborhood. Thanks for helping keep District Three in good condition!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Todd". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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