

News from Council President Todd Gloria

City of San Diego - District Three

Friends,

Your City Council has spent this week closely reviewing the proposed budgets for City departments. I appreciate the members of the public who have participated in person and by submitting questions and comments directly to me. I encourage your continued input and invite you to attend a Public Hearing on the Mayor's Proposed Budget on May 22. For your convenience, I have scheduled this meeting to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Public Hearing on the Mayor's Proposed Budget Wednesday, May 22, 6:00 p.m. City Administration Building 202 C Street, 12th Floor

Coffee with your Council President

Thanks to all who participated in Cocktails with your Council President last week at Village 631. We had a great turnout, and the discussion was both fun and informative. Next Saturday will be your next opportunity to chat casually with me about City and neighborhood issues, so please drop by!

Saturday, May 18 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. The Gathering Bar and Grill 902 W. Washington Street Mission Hills

Strengthening the Border Region

This past Saturday, Councilmember Mark Kersey and I visited Mexico and met with five Tijuana city councilmembers. Together, we toured the Baja Center, a brand new regional convention center, as well as the recently inaugurated Cultural and Art Center in Tijuana. This was my first visit to Mexico as your Council President and part of my ongoing efforts to build strong ties with our neighbors to the south. Somos dos ciudades y una región. We are two cities, but one region.

News You Can Use: North Park Water Main Break

I have made no secret of my love for infrastructure and sexy streets. While I remain proud of the investment the City has made into our streets, sidewalks, facilities, and water and sewer systems, sometimes we experience maintenance problems.

Shortly after 5:00 p.m. on May 6, a 6-inch water main break occurred at the intersection of Georgia Street and Florida Court. The resulting water service shut down affected customers in

the 3600-3700 blocks of Georgia Street and the 1900 block of Florida Court. Also, to keep the area safe and allow crews to complete repairs, the Police Department closed Georgia Street between Cypress Avenue and Robinson Street, as well as Florida Court between Florida Street and Georgia Street. Water service was completely restored by 1:00 a.m. on May 7. I appreciate the tireless work our employees demonstrated on Monday night and in the following days to help return this neighborhood to normalcy. Street repairs are now in the works and should be completed by [insert date upon receipt from AB].

If your property was damaged due to the water main break, please obtain a claim form from <u>Risk Management</u> and follow the procedures as stated in the instructions. If you have questions or want to request further assistance, please contact Anthony Bernal in my office, 619-236-6633, abernal@sandiego.gov.

News You Can Use, Part 2: New Stop Sign at Upas and Granada

This is your friendly reminder that a new stop sign was recently installed at the intersection of Upas Street and Granada Avenue. I know many of us travel the same routes so frequently that we neglect to notice changes. Please be vigilant when driving through this area and be sure to obey the stop sign.

District Three Resident Honored as High School Teacher of the Year

This week, South Park resident Jessica Graham was honored as the 2013 San Diego Unified School District High School Teacher of the Year. I was happy to proclaim May 7 as Jessica Graham Day to recognize her accomplishments.

Ms. Graham teaches English to students in grades 10-12 at Kearny High School of Science, Connections and Technology in Linda Vista.

Graham has been teaching for eight years. In addition to her work teaching English, Ms. Graham has taken a strong stance against bullying throughout her career by incorporating antibullying themes into her curriculum and starting an after school program called "Power of Passion" with the purpose of developing a generation of student leaders who will promote diversity and tolerance on campus.

"I have made it my goal not merely to teach English, but to create a culture in my classroom that allows my students to learn empathy, compassion and tolerance," she wrote in her application essay.

I applaud Ms. Graham and all of our local teachers for the difference they make every day, both in and out of the classroom.

Horton Plaza Theatres Foundation

The Horton Plaza Theatres Foundation currently has two vacancies on its board of directors. The Foundation is a nonprofit organization created by the City Council in 1983 to oversee the operations and management of the publicly leased Lyceum Theatre and act as the steward of the Lyceum Theatre. If you're interested in being considered for a City Council appointment to the Foundation, please submit a completed <u>application</u> to my office by May 15.

Visit the City Clerk's website for more details about the Foundation and the duties of directors.

Mid-City Rapid Bus is Coming Soon!

Improving transportation options of all kinds is one of my goals, and the Mid-City Rapid Bus will be a key improvement more efficiently connecting SDSU to Downtown along El Cajon Boulevard and Park Boulevard. I have worked hard with neighbors and SANDAG to ensure this projects fits well with our neighborhoods. If you want the latest update on the project and schedule, please join me for an open house on May 20. Details are below.

SANDAG Open House on the Mid-City Rapid Bus Project Monday, May 20, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Grace Lutheran Church 3967 Park Boulevard

Help Shape Our Region's Future: Public Workshops Schedule

The Mid-City Rapid Bus has been part of our regional transportation plans for many years. If you have wondered what projects are ahead, how San Diego will look several decades from now, or if you want future generations to experience a certain quality of life, I encourage you to let your voice be heard.

Representing the City of San Diego on the Board of SANDAG is a source of pride. You now have the opportunity to shape the region's future by participating in upcoming workshops as part of the development of San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan.

Building on local planning efforts, San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan will set a vision and define actions necessary to accomplish it.

Evening community workshops will seek input on the same topics, including land use, transportation, housing, environment, public health, economic prosperity, public facilities, energy, climate change and borders. They will be held in four different areas of the County throughout June and all will include complimentary snacks.

Thursday, June 6, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Casa Familiar Civic Center 212 W. Park Avenue in San Ysidro

Thursday, June 13, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Escondido City Hall, Mitchell Room 201 North Broadway in Escondido

Thursday, June 20, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Oceanside City Hall Community Rooms 300 North Coast Highway in Oceanside

Thursday, June 27, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. La Mesa Community Center, Arbor View Room 4975 Memorial Drive in La Mesa

Weekday central workshops will focus on specific topics noted below on the third Fridays in May, June, and July. Please join us, participate, and know you'll be rewarded with a feeling of

pride for your community. And you'll be fed snacks.

Friday, May 17, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Focused discussions on healthy environment, energy, climate change, and public health Caltrans District 11, Garcia Room and Gallegos Room 4050 Taylor Street in Old Town

Friday, June 21, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Focused discussions on land use and transportation Caltrans District 11, Garcia Room and Gallegos Room 4050 Taylor Street in Old Town

Friday, July 19, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Focused discussions on economic prosperity, public facilities, and borders. Caltrans District 11, Garcia Room and Gallegos Room 4050 Taylor Street in Old Town

For more information, please visit sandag.org/sandiegoforward.

To RSVP, please contact Sarah Strand, <u>sarah.strand@sandag.org</u>, 619-595-5609, or via the event listings on the <u>SANDAG Region Facebook page</u>.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Todd

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A. Tourism Week

In honor of National Travel and Tourism Week, I presented a proclamation on the field of Petco Park prior to Tuesday's Padres game. I know they won because of it! (picture from Padres game)

B. North Park Festival of the Arts Saturday, May 18, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. University Avenue and 30th Street <u>http://northparkfestivalofarts.com/</u> (picture of North Park sign)

C Harvey Milk Diversity Breakfast

Friday, May 24, 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. Hilton San Diego Bayfront One Park Boulevard For waitlist information, email <u>events@thecentersd.org</u>. (picture of HM logo)