



News from

## Council President Todd Gloria

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City of San Diego ▪ District Three

Friends,

The last two weeks have been challenging. As a public servant, a lifelong San Diegan, and your representative, I have been concerned, angry, frustrated, and embarrassed that the Mayor has admitted treating women horribly, brought shame to our City, and made decisions that appear incompetent.

I've also been buoyed by a cohesive City Council which remains focused on accomplishing great things for our neighborhoods and on sustaining our collaborative approach to local government. I also applaud our dedicated City employees who continue to provide the services on which we all depend.

San Diego is better than the municipal nightmare we've been living with for the past two weeks.

While a shroud of shame hangs over the Office of the Mayor, San Diego is more than a national punchline. We are a productive and functional City, which the City Council demonstrated by approving policies that restrict oversized vehicles from parking long term in our neighborhoods and by moving forward with a bike sharing plan that has zero cost to taxpayers. As your Council President, I am proud of the progress this City Council has made on behalf of the people we represent, and I am eager to continue down our long "to do" list. Going forward, your City Council continues to pursue our ambitious agenda.

We will be developing a retention program for our police officers and starting to explore retention issues impacting the Fire-Rescue Department. Working with the American Red Cross, the City will have better disaster response planning. Our Infrastructure Committee, chaired by Councilmember Mark Kersey is exploring funding options to fix and maintain our streets, sidewalks, and buildings. We'll be looking at our deferred capital bond and more creative concepts including crowdfunding. Our outdated sidewalk maintenance policy will be revisited so it is consistent and ensures better conditions. After more than a year of work, Council President Pro Tem Sherri Lightner's water policy, which promises to increase water security for San Diego, will be reviewed by the Council. A new water rate structure, an effort of Councilmember Alvarez, that incentives conservation, should come to Council this fall. While you may want to file it under "boring but important", we will examine our financial reserve policy and consider an update to our Managed Competition Program.

The City Council has not – and we WILL not – lose focus of our purpose at City Hall. San Diegans set our agenda, and we're making progress responding to neighborhood needs and developing policies that will make us a more efficient and effective local government.

I welcome your continued participation, questions, and input. Together, we will remind the world that San Diego is still America's Finest City.

### **Be Part of the Solution: Prioritizing Neighborhood Needs**

One critical way to be involved is to help shape our decisions about infrastructure funding priorities. What public facilities near you need improvement? What is your neighborhood lacking?

San Diego's Independent Budget Analyst is providing a Training and Education Session for the Public for FY2015 CIP Budget Input Cycle on Wednesday, July 31 at 6:30 p.m. at the Balboa Park War Memorial Building. This is the CIP informational meeting for our Council District designed to inform you of the process for requesting and proposing capital projects in your neighborhoods to City staff, in light of the recently passed new Council Policy for community input on infrastructure needs and priorities. Please join us and get the word out to increase participation in this excellent opportunity.

Wednesday, July 31, 6:30 p.m.  
Balboa Park War Memorial Building, Room 3  
3325 Zoo Drive

Please also check out this online tool developed by open source advocates that attempts to engage citizens on needed neighborhood repairs:

<http://infrastructure.opensandiego.org/page/about>.

### **North Park – Mid-City Regional Bike Corridor Project Workshop**

Please attend the community workshop and encourage others interested in livable, vibrant streets to join you. Your input is critical to the design process. Project information is available [online](#).

August 27, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Queen Bee's Art and Cultural Center  
3925 Ohio Street  
North Park

### **San Diego Parks Recognized for Greatness**

The City of San Diego's park system was recently ranked 9<sup>th</sup> overall in the nation by the Trust for Public Land. The Trust for Public Land is a nationally based nonprofit land conservation organization that conserves land for people to enjoy as parks and community gardens, and San Diego fared impressively on the organization's annual Park Scores report on the nation's largest 50 cities park systems. I extend my huge thanks to Stacey LoMedico, our Park and Recreation Department Director, and her outstanding staff and volunteers for bringing this positive attention to our City.

In related news, the City Council voted on Tuesday to add a third soccer field beneath the North Park water tower and extend SD Indoor Soccer's lease until 2027. This is a positive step that will increase use of this important facility and provide more recreational opportunities in District Three.

### **Central Library Grand Opening**

Save the date San Diego! Our new Central Library grand opening is set for Saturday, September 28 at 11:00 a.m. I hope to see you there!

11th and K Streets  
Downtown San Diego  
Ceremony: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Tours and Festival: 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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.

Todd

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