



News from
INTERIM MAYOR TODD GLORIA

City of San Diego ■ District Three

Dear Friends,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

This time last year, I was elected Council President for 2013 by my Council colleagues. It was a tremendous honor, and I was looking forward to advancing policies that would strengthen our neighborhoods and our economy. What occurred in the following nine months, well it's nothing I could ever have imagined.

When I became Interim Mayor on August 30, it was my intention to accomplish as much as I possibly could in a short period of time. This time of year we all make our holiday lists. Here is a list of my Favorite Things we've done since I became Interim Mayor.

1. Our new Downtown library, the San Diego Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common, opened after 30 years of planning and dreaming and reflects San Diego's value of knowledge, technology, literacy, and education.
2. The Convention Center expansion was approved which will create 7,000 permanent jobs and have an estimated economic impact of \$700 million a year.
3. The Workforce Housing Offset was updated increasing the funding stream for affordable housing options.
4. I brought forth a project list for a \$120 million infrastructure bond that includes \$43,460,000 for street resurfacing and additional improvements made to libraries, fire stations, and storm drains. This infrastructure bond will be considered by my Council colleagues next month.
5. Border relations were strengthened by regularly scheduled meetings with elected officials from the Baja region as well as City department leaders meeting with their Tijuana counterparts to make our shared region greater.
6. The Prevailing Wage Ordinance was approved which is expected to result in safer and better monitored work sites, on-time completion, properly trained apprentices, fewer construction defects, change orders, and cost overruns, and increase middle class jobs in our City.

7. A reorganization of City government was approved which will make our City's operations run more smoothly and efficiently, save time and money, and invest in the development of our employees.
8. We unveiled a ground-breaking Climate Action Plan that positions San Diego as a national leader in clean energy and a clean tech economy.
9. The City Council approved dispersing \$6 million of collected assessments to the San Diego Tourism Marketing District to re-launch marketing efforts to draw visitors to San Diego and increase City revenues.
10. Our City's lobbyists were re-hired ending a nine-month period where we had no one in Sacramento or Washington, D.C. vying for resources or funding for our City.

I know these accomplishments happened because of the cooperative spirit of my Council colleagues, our City leadership team, the City Attorney, City employees, and all San Diegans. Together we helped our City get back on its feet and moving in the right direction again. There is more work to be done between now and March when a new mayor takes office, and I promise you I won't be slowing down anytime soon. The year started out naughty and ended up nice.

As we all find ways to give back this holiday season, it continues to be a privilege to serve all of you. Stay tuned for more big news and progress before we ring in the New Year.

I wish you all a joyful and safe holiday season!

Balboa Park December Nights



Balboa Park December Nights is this weekend! Since heavy traffic is expected on the 163, and parking will be a challenge, consider taking the free shuttle to get to and from the Park.

The December Nights Shuttles at PETCO Park and City College run on Friday from 3:00 p.m. – midnight and on Saturday from 11:30 a.m. – midnight in all locations. **The last shuttle leaves both PETCO Park and City College sites at 8:00 p.m. so plan to arrive at the shuttle location BEFORE 7:00 p.m.** The last shuttle from the Park is at 11:45 p.m.

PETCO Park Shuttle at Park Boulevard and Imperial Avenue: Parking is only \$3 - \$5 per vehicle and there are more than 2,000 parking spaces in this area. The Shuttle takes less than 10 minutes and drops off at 6th & Laurel. To get to PETCO, use I-5 and exit at Imperial Avenue.

City College Lots between 16th and B Street: Parking is free. The Shuttle drops off at 6th & Laurel. The Park is approximately 1/4 mile from City College, so walking is an option. To get to the City College lots, use I-5 and exit at B Street.

For additional information, visit: <http://www.balboapark.org/decemberevents/parking>. Remember you can get the latest news on the weekend festivities on Twitter by following @DecemberNights and/or @BalboaPark.

Join Me For Coffee

On December 14 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m., I'll be hosting my monthly *Coffee With the Council President* at the San Diego LGBT Community Center to give folks an update on what's going on at the City and to hear neighbors' concerns. I hope you'll be able to join me.

Saturday, December 14

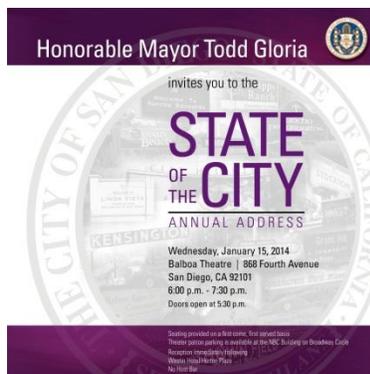
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

San Diego LGBT Community Center

3909 Centre Street

San Diego, CA 92103

State of the City Address – January 15



I will be presenting the State of the City Address on January 15, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Balboa Theatre. This event is open to the public and I hope you will be able to attend to celebrate San Diego's shared progress and envision our future.

Downtown Community Law Project

California Western School of Law operates a clinic Downtown that provides free legal information to low income and homeless members of the San Diego community. California Western students, staff, and attorney volunteers work with volunteers from different disciplines, including medicine and social work, to provide comprehensive assistance to community members in need. Their Downtown clinic operates in conjunction with the Third Avenue Charitable Organization at the First Lutheran Church and is held every Monday night beginning at 5:30 p.m. at 1420 Third Avenue in Downtown San Diego. For more information,

please visit the Community Law Project website, www.cwclp.org, or call California Western School of Law at 619-239-0391.

Brighter Financial Outlook

Late last month, I released the City's Five-Year Financial Outlook. The financial forecast for Fiscal Years 2015 through 2019 includes critical information as the City Council and members of the public begin to formulate priorities for the FY 2015 budget, which will be considered in Spring 2014. The Outlook projects a one year baseline budget deficit of approximately \$19 million for FY 15, followed by surpluses through FY 19. City departments submitted a total of \$750 million in needs over the next five years. There are many worthwhile projects and programs to pursue and we need to be realistic about how they impact our budget and make the best decision for San Diegans. I fully expect that we will be able to overcome the projected FY 15 deficit without sacrificing needed services, thanks in part to higher than anticipated property tax revenues. With smart decision making, the City of San Diego will have a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2015.

December Used Oil and Filter Recycling Event

The City's Environmental Services Department is hosting another recycling event this month. From 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 14 at Mission Bay Shores Park (Sea World Drive & South Shores Park Driveway) bring your used oil, antifreeze, car batteries, consumer batteries, oil filters, and fluorescent bulbs for safe disposal.

Marine Reserves' Toys for Tots

Between now and December 20, San Diego fire stations and lifeguard stations will be accepting toys for the Marine Reserves' Toys for Tots program. The partnership between the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department and Toys for Tots goes back many years. Once again this year, there is a great need for toys to brighten the holidays for less privileged kids. Please consider dropping off a new, unwrapped toy at any of San Diego's 47 fire stations, or the lifeguard stations in Pacific Beach, Mission Beach, Ocean Beach and La Jolla Shores.

SDG&E's Warm Up To Winter

As temperatures begin to drop and before you turn on your furnace, SDG&E recommends scheduling a free gas appliance safety check. Taking care of your gas appliances helps keep them running efficiently and prevents potential safety hazards such as exposure to dangerous carbon monoxide. To make an appointment, call SDG&E at 1-800-411-7343.

Make Change Count



In its continuing efforts to help end homelessness, the Downtown San Diego Partnership launched its “Make Change Count” initiative late last month. Donation stations – red meters that resemble parking meters – have been placed around Downtown and accept both coin change and credit cards. The meters discourage panhandling and allow the public an opportunity to contribute to services and programs aimed at ending homelessness in Downtown. The money collected at these meters will help fund the Downtown San Diego Partnership’s “Work Your Way Home” program that reunites homeless individuals with family members. It will also fund programs that help homeless seniors into housing. The donation stations provide a great opportunity for every San Diegan to contribute at any level and help our neighbors get off the streets.



Last Saturday, I was pleased to be in Mexico for the swearing in of Tijuana’s newest Mayor, Jorge Astiazaran. That’s him on my right and Baja California’s Governor Francisco Vega de Lamadrid on my left.