



News from

Council President Todd Gloria

City of San Diego ▪ District Three

Friends,

San Diegans 100 years ago chose to invest in Balboa Park and created the cultural heart of our City and the crown jewel of our park system. This morning, Mayor Faulconer and I announced new plans for 2015 that will ensure it remains a bright asset for San Diegans and visitors.

While many of us, including me, once had visions of 365 days of events and celebrations through the Park to commemorate the Centennial of the 1915 Panama-California Exposition, the time has come to refocus on priorities from partying to productive investments for the good of the Park.

2015 will be a year of greatness in the Park. The new centennial celebration will feature four signature events at Balboa Park, including the 2014 and 2015 December Nights events as the opening and closing ceremonies. The other two events are a spring and fall celebration of all things associated with San Diego, such as craft beer, innovation, and the arts.

In addition to the large scale events, Balboa Park is home to more than 1,000 programs, exhibitions, and events every year. As part of the Centennial, the City will partner with the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership to highlight the many wonderful programs the Park's cultural institutions already have planned for 2015.

I want to thank Mayor Faulconer, Scott Chadwick, Stacey LoMedico, and Carolyn Wormser for understanding the importance of Balboa Park and the centennial of the 1915 Panama-California Exposition.

I also want to thank the stakeholders such as the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership and the Balboa Park Conservancy who have agreed to step up and help the City with this endeavor by expanding on the efforts they already devote to the park.

Finally, I am grateful for the participation of SDG&E and our Tourism Marketing District whose continued commitment is a tangible demonstration that 2015 can still be an unforgettable event of which San Diegans will be proud.

Together we are committed to moving forward with a celebration that is achievable, manageable and is good for the park and our City.

Explore Balboa Park with the New Explorer Pass

As we work on bringing this plan to fruition, I encourage San Diegans to re-engage in Balboa Park with an Explorer Pass.

The Balboa Park Explorer is an exciting new program that provides general admission to all the museums in the Park for an entire year. Families of up to six people can enjoy a single pass for

\$199. Individual passes are available for \$129. For more details and to purchase Explorer Passes, click [here](#).

It's Time to Raise Up San Diego

Almost 40% of all working age households in San Diego County cannot afford to meet basic needs without public or private assistance. This figure was at 30% in pre-recession 2007. We're going in the wrong direction. No one who works hard at a full-time job should be unable to pay for their shelter or food.

Further, about 44% of the local private sector workforce do not have earned sick days, and if they miss work for illness, they can lose pay or be fired.

San Diego can be better than this. That is why I am working with neighbors, local businesspeople, and my colleagues to develop a ballot initiative for your consideration in November to increase the local minimum wage and provide up to five earned sick days a year for workers.

The City Council's Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations Committee (ED & IR) took action on Monday to direct the City Attorney's Office to work with my office to bring back a draft ordinance for consideration by the Committee.

ED & IR is expected to consider the draft ordinance at its meeting on April 30, 2014. It could then be reviewed by the full City Council in order to be placed on the November 4, 2014 ballot.

Before the next hearing, I will continue to work with stakeholders to make sure the proposal makes sense for San Diego. I ask for feedback and participation from all San Diegans to craft a responsible ordinance.

You can read my report and related documents [online](#) under Item 2.

Bikes and Pedestrian to Rule the Roads in PB on Sunday

The second CicloSDias event is coming to Pacific Beach this Sunday, March 30. From 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., portions of Pacific Beach streets will be free of cars and people are encouraged to walk, skate, and ride bikes throughout the area.

Sections of streets in Pacific Beach will be closed to car traffic along Garnet Avenue from Ingraham Street to Mission Boulevard, including Cass Street from Garnet Avenue to Turquoise Street and from Turquoise Street to La Jolla Mesa Drive.

To ensure the roads are clean and safe for the event, street parking will not be allowed on the route between midnight the night before until 5:00 p.m. Sunday. Cars parked on the route after midnight will be towed. Streets close officially at 9:30 a.m. and will reopen at 3:00 p.m.

In addition to the road closures for the route itself, other streets near the route will also be impacted. Dawes, Bayard, and Hornblend will be closed and no parking will be permitted starting at 7:00 a.m.

It is expected that some local restaurants on the route will set up tables and chairs for patrons.

Activating our streets as public spaces and creating safe zones for active transportation is a perfect combination. I appreciate the work of the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition and Discover PB to make CicloSDias happen, and am proud to support the effort with a contribution of \$2,500 from my Community Projects, Programs, and Services funds.

For more information, visit www.sdcbc.org or www.pacificbeach.org.

Meet the Chief April 28

San Diego is fortunate to have a Police Chief committed to our communities. Please join me in welcoming Chief Shelley Zimmerman to Council District Three at The San Diego LGBT Center, 3909 Centre Street in Hillcrest, from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. on April 28. This will be a terrific opportunity for you get to know the Chief, ask questions, and express any concerns about public safety that are on your mind.

Public Comment Period for the City's FY 2015-FY 2019 Consolidated Plan Opens April 1

This week, the City Council approved our annual Community Development Block Grant allocations. CDBG funds come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development every year for use for a variety of housing and community/economic development projects that benefit low- to moderate-income citizens.

Since the federal government continues to shrink the pot of money available to us locally, the way we use it becomes even more critical. I was impressed with the applications the City received, and even more impressed with the smooth process everyone enjoyed this year. This is wonky stuff, but it's necessary for me to spend a moment publicly thanking our City staff, the volunteer members of the Consolidated Plan Advisory Board, and past and current applicants who have all helped make significant improvements to this process.

To guide future expenditures, the City has developed a Draft FY 2015 – FY 2019 Consolidated Plan and FY 2015 Annual Action Plan, which will be available for a 30-day public review period starting on April 1, 2014. The purpose of the review period is to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the planned FY 2015 expenditures of approximately \$18 million in federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement funds for eligible Capital Improvement Projects, Administration and Planning, Community Services Programs and Community Economic Development Projects, and the anticipated expenditures for the FY 2015 – FY 2019 time period.

The plans will be available for review on the City's HUD Program Administration website (www.sandiego.gov/cdbg) and the San Diego Housing Commission's website (www.sdhc.org).

The draft Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan will also be available at select City libraries and community centers and at the HUD Programs Administration Office located at 1200 Third Avenue, Suite 1400, San Diego, CA 92101. A listing of these sites is available at www.sandiego.gov/cdbg.

The plans will be discussed during a public meeting of the Consolidated Plan Advisory Board (CPAB) on April 9, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. The CPAB meeting will be held at the San Diego Civic Concourse, North Terrace Room, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101. In addition, the plans are tentatively scheduled for consideration by the San Diego City Council during a public hearing on April 28, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. (time uncertain) at the City Administration Building, 202 C

Street, 12th Floor, San Diego, CA 92101.

Please direct any inquiries or comments regarding the Consolidated Plan or the Annual Action Plan in writing to: ConPlanComments@sandiego.gov or via mail to: HUD Programs Administration, ATTN: Con Plan Comments, 1200 Third Avenue, Suite 1400, San Diego, CA 92101. The comment period will be closed on April 30, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Workshop for Housing Providers April 16

In conjunction with the City of San Diego Fair Housing Month and the 46th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act, our partners at the Fair Housing Center of The Legal Aid Society of San Diego will be hosting a free educational workshop geared at educating housing providers about:

- State and Federal Fair Housing Laws
- Equal opportunity issues relating to Fair Housing
- The role of governmental agencies (e.g. California Department of Fair Employment and Housing and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development) in enforcing Fair Housing laws

Details on the FREE event:

Fair Housing Training for Housing Providers

Wednesday, April 16, 2014

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (in English)

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

Balboa Park – War Memorial Building

2125 Park Blvd.

San Diego, CA 92101

Anyone interested in attending this event can get more information by visiting the [City's Fair Housing website](#) or by clicking on the Fair Housing Training for Housing Providers [flier](#).

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

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