



**OFFICE OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT TODD GLORIA
COUNCIL DISTRICT THREE**

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: February 11, 2012

TO: Honorable Councilmembers

FROM: Council President Todd Gloria, Chair, Budget & Finance Committee

SUBJECT: Call for Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Priorities

As I continue my chairmanship of the City Council's Budget and Finance Committee, I look forward to working with each of you to deliver a balanced and responsible budget to our citizens.

Charter § 265(b)(14) requires the Mayor to propose a budget to the City Council and the public by April 15 of each year. The City Council will then hold a series of public hearings prior to adopting or modifying the budget and returning it to the Mayor. Prior to the start of that process, the City Council will formally adopt, by resolution, its budgetary priorities for submission to the Mayor.

As we begin the Fiscal Year 2014 budget process, it is essential that we again keep an eye toward fiscal restraint and continue to protect core City services provided to our citizens, meanwhile developing additional long term solutions to erase the expected deficit as outlined in the most recent Five-Year Financial Outlook.

In order to facilitate the Council's adoption of recommendations for the Mayor to consider, **I ask that each Councilmember submit a list of budget priorities to Independent Budget Analyst Andrea Tevlin no later than the close of business on Friday, March 1, 2013.**

Your response to this request will allow the IBA to develop a report that will ultimately guide the development of the Council's budget priorities resolution. I ask that we all keep the [City's Budget Policy](#) in mind; for any proposed service restorations, please identify corresponding funding sources and uses. One-time, short-term funding sources are discouraged to fund ongoing expenses. Instead, implementation of holistic, long-term remedies is favored. A draft Budget Priorities Resolution will be considered by the Committee on March 13 and ultimately be voted upon by the City Council and presented to the Mayor on March 18.

We will be called upon to make very difficult decisions as we move through the process. I have great confidence that we will join together to continue the fiscal integrity in our City. I look forward to working with you, members of the public, Mayor Filner, and the entire organization to address these critical issues.

Again, please submit your priorities to the IBA by close of business on Friday, March 1, 2013. Please send your memos directly to the IBA. DO NOT mass distribute or copy your Council colleagues on your correspondence at this time. You may also feel free to contact my Committee Consultant, Pamela Ison, at (619) 236-7787 about the requested memorandum and/or any matter concerning the Committee.

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Electronic references:

1. IBA Report Number 13-05: *Open Discussion on Developing the FY 2014 City Council Budget Priorities Resolution*;
http://www.sandiego.gov/iba/pdf/reports/2013/13_05_130201.pdf
2. Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Process Key Dates; <http://www.sandiego.gov/iba/pdf/fy2014.pdf>
3. City's Budget Policy; <http://www.sandiego.gov/fm/pdf/BudgetPolicy.pdf>

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