



City Budget Town Hall with Mayor Jerry Sanders

Thursday, October 28, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

War Memorial Building, 3325 Zoo Dr., Balboa Park

District Three Neighbors,

One of the most important aspects of my job as your councilmember is to educate and inform the community of issues that impact you. The forecasted \$72 million budget shortfall must be remedied by July 1, 2011. This will require tremendous reductions to the public services we need most. As you know very well, previous cuts like fire engine closures and decreased police presence have already impacted our neighborhoods. Please join me, Mayor Jerry Sanders and other city staff to learn more about how the proposed cuts will impact the community, and share your thoughts and suggestions with us so our decisions reflect your input.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

TODD GLORIA
Councilmember, District Three

San Diego Police Department

Proposed cuts:

- Elimination of the Graffiti Strike Task Force.
- Elimination of the Homeless Outreach Team.
- 25% reduction in homicide detectives.
- Over 100 police officers will be laid off.
- Closure of the Multi-Cultural Relations Office.
- Closure of two police stations.
- Elimination of police storefront operations.

Neighborhood impact:

- The police storefronts in Normal Heights and North Park will be closed. The proposed new North Park storefront on 30th St. and El Cajon Blvd. will not be pursued.
- The North Park Bike Team will be eliminated.
- Fewer alcohol establishment inspections will occur due to cuts in the Vice Division.
- 320 fewer arrests will likely be made by the Vice Division, primarily related to street prostitution.
- Elimination of the entire Community Resource Officer (CRO) program will result in decreased crime prevention and neighborhood policing efforts.
- The neighbors speaking one of 30 languages other than English in District Three may have a harder time connecting to police resources because of the closure of the Multi-Cultural Relations Office.

San Diego Fire-Rescue Department

Proposed cuts:

- Five additional fire engines will be browned out every day, bringing the daily engine closures to 13.
- One of the two fire-rescue helicopters will be cut.
- 60 sworn firefighters will be laid off.
- Lifeguard service will be decreased on all beaches and throughout Mission Bay Park.
- Lifeguard coverage will be eliminated at North Pacific Beach.

Neighborhood impact:

- Single-unit stations like those in Hillcrest, Normal Heights, City Heights and Mission Hills will be eligible for closures of up to one month at time.
- Engine 11 in Golden Hill and Engine 14 in North Park will continue to be out of service every other month.
- The Fire-Rescue Department will have 22% fewer resources than it did during the 2007 firestorm.
- Response times will likely fall farther from the five minute goal. Before the brownouts, no fire stations in or near District Three were close to meeting that goal, and the average response times increased by 9.52% in 2010 in North Park, by 7.12% in Golden Hill and by 4.64% in Normal Heights.

Additional information:

- Before the brownouts started, the city was short 12-22 fire stations and hundreds of firefighters, based on our density and population.

San Diego Public Library

Proposed cuts:

- Permanent closure of two branch libraries
- Rolling brownouts of all branches: libraries would be paired and open on alternate days
- 80 personnel will lose their jobs.
- Services including children's programs will be reduced beyond current levels.
- Fewer best sellers, children's books, DVDs, downloadable books, films, and other materials will be purchased for use by library patrons.

Neighborhood impact:

- University Heights Branch Library was slated for closure in 2008 and could again be considered.
- Only two of District Three's four libraries will be open on any day.
- Community members will have very limited access to library meeting rooms because of decreased hours and staffing.

Weekly public branch library hours:

- FY 07: 41 hours per week at most branches
- FY 11: 36 hours per week at most branches
- FY 12: 16-24 hours per week at most branches (proposed)

Street Division

Proposed cuts:

- 23.70% of the Street Division's budget will be cut.
- 8,000-10,000 fewer potholes will be repaired each year.
- 1,400 fewer street lights will be repaired each year.
- 700 fewer sidewalks will be repaired each year.
- 2,800 fewer traffic signs and pavement markings will be repaired or replaced each year.
- Elimination of all weed abatement and non-emergency tree trimming.

Neighborhood impact:

- Comprised of neighborhoods that are approximately 100 years old, District Three is generally in need of many infrastructure repairs. The proposed cuts will decrease the number of repairs made.

Repairs made in District Three in FY 10:

- Pothole repairs: 4,197
- Streetlight repairs: 1,070
- Sidewalk repairs and improvements: 263
- Traffic sign and pavement marking replacements and repairs: 571

Park and Recreation Department

Proposed cuts:

- Closure of 12 of the city's 13 pools, including Bud Kearns Pool at Morley Field, City Heights Swim Center and Colina del Sol.
- Closure of nine recreation centers, two visitor centers and two gymnasiums
- 50% reduction of hours for all other recreation centers.
- Elimination of 17 specialized after-school and teen programs, which are utilized by 600-750 youth daily.
- 40% decrease in park maintenance.
- Elimination of all turf watering from November 1 to the end of February.
- Reduction in brush thinning contracts.
- Reduction of the Therapeutic Recreation Program.
- Reduction of the Senior Services Program.
- Elimination of beach fire pits and reduction of kelp removal and beach grooming.

Neighborhood impact:

- At least one of the nine recreation centers serving District Three will likely be closed.
- Recreation centers remaining open will operate just 20 hours per week.
- Local youth will have fewer programs to keep them safe and productive in after-school hours if programs end at the teen centers in City Heights, Golden Hill, Colina Park, and North Park.
- Reduction of operating hours for many Balboa Park public buildings.

Average weekly recreation center hours:

- FY 03: 65
- FY 10: 40.25
- FY 12: 20 (proposed)

Other Notable Proposed Cuts

Proposed cuts:

- Reduction of street sweeping to the minimum level required by law.
- Reduction of the "Think Blue" pollution prevention program.
- Delay of Community Plan Updates.
- Refuse collection for 15,000 residential customers living on private streets will no longer be provided by the city.
- Refuse collection for 6,500 small businesses will no longer be provided by the city.

Neighborhood impact:

- Community Plan Updates in Uptown, North Park and Golden Hill will stop for the foreseeable future.