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Historic Buildings Now Better Protected

New Penalties Approved for Demolishing Historic Structures

SAN DIEGO, CA (February 7, 2012) – San Diego City Councilmember Todd Gloria today applauded the City Council for approving new penalties for damaging historic structures without permits, which will help protect local buildings of importance.

“San Diego is fortunate to be home to many buildings of great historic significance, and the ordinance approved today will help ensure they remain part of our community character,” said Councilmember Gloria, who represents many historic neighborhoods and historic buildings in District Three.

The ordinance, which was approved by a vote of 6-2, makes two changes to the Municipal Code related to civil penalties for code violations impacting historic resources:

- Enabling the Director of the Neighborhood Code Compliance Department to assess penalties for unpermitted work to historical resources (non-designated), as well as designated historic resources; and
- Directing that such penalties be deposited into the Historic Preservation Fund.

The ordinance originated from an idea discussed by the City Council’s Land Use and Housing Committee in September 2009, chaired at that time by Councilmember Gloria.

Councilmember Gloria has distinguished himself as a leader for historic preservation on the San Diego City Council. Since being elected to office he has championed policy issues to protect historic resources, been a consistent vote for historic preservation, and has worked to direct resources to Balboa Park, one of our City’s greatest historic treasures. He was awarded the *People in Preservation* Public Policy Leadership Award from Save Our Heritage Organisation in May 2010.

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