



News from
Councilmember Todd Gloria
City of San Diego ▪ District Three

Friends,

Neighbors in District Three have been very clear about the priorities they set for me. I am pleased to report that progress has been made in three critical areas, as well as invite you to community events and announce our office's internship program.

Public Safety: Attacking Violent Crime in Mid-City

I am extremely grateful that the San Diego Police Department recently stepped up efforts to address crime in Mid-City, resulting in 11 arrests and a demonstrable drop in violent crime in targeted areas. Our neighborhoods are safer today because SDPD Captain Lawrence McKinney and his division have taken criminals off our streets. Over a five day period earlier in June, the commanding officers deployed a number of resources to target areas in Mid-City that have been hit hard recently by violent crime.

This action resulted in:

- 4 felony arrests
- 7 misdemeanor arrests
- 6 misdemeanor citations
- 15 traffic citations
- 6 impounded vehicles
- 86 field interviews

The Police Department will continue to focus on these targeted locations to improve safety, which is key because crime rates generally increase during the warm summer months. The men and women of the San Diego Police Department put their lives on the line every day to protect our community. I appreciate their efforts, their creativity and their continued dedication to proactively addressing crime in our neighborhoods.

Infrastructure: City Council Approves \$5 Million for Street Surfacing

The City's crumbling infrastructure received a boost today when the City Council supported a \$5,125,754.60 plan to slurry seal streets Citywide. These upgrades are part of a larger plan that will improve 60 miles of roadways in District Three by the end of next year.

Transit: Comment Period is Open on Critical Transit Study

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) recently released its draft Transit Impediments Study. The report summarizes both financial and ridership

impediments to maintaining long-term transit service levels throughout San Diego County. The report also includes potential alternatives based on overcoming the identified impediments, increasing and maintaining service levels and increasing and maintaining funding for transit operational expenses. The public comment period on this study will soon conclude.

As a member of the Metropolitan Transit System Board and SANDAG's Transportation Committee, I've been a vocal opponent of cutting transit service in our urban communities and increasing fares on San Diego's transit riders. This study is a step toward creating long term solutions to our lack of transit operations funding which is what causes cuts in service and increases in fares.

If you'd like to join me in demanding a transit system that works for all San Diegans, please review the Transit Impediments Study and send your feedback to SANDAG by Friday, June 26. The point of contact for your comments is below. You can read the study and learn more about this important issue by visiting <http://sandag.org/index.asp?projectid=352&fuseaction=projects.detail>.

Speak Out for Public Transit

Comments can be directed to Philip Trom, Associate Regional Planner for SANDAG
401 B Street, Suite 800
San Diego, CA 92101
Phone: (619) 699-7330
E-mail: ptr@sandag.org

Equality: City Council to Consider Supporting Repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell”

I am proud that San Diego has once again stood up against discrimination and am thankful to my colleagues for their unanimous vote supporting the repeal of the federal “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” law at today’s City Council meeting.

This discriminatory policy took effect 15 years ago. Since then, more than 12,500 people have been discharged from military service because of their sexual orientation, including 265 discharged since President Barack Obama’s inauguration. According to a Blue Ribbon Commission Report, the cost to replace and train service members discharged under this law between 1994 and 2003 exceeded \$363.8 million. In spite of this, some lesbian, gay and bisexual service members are proudly serving our country in uniform. Some are still harassed and serve with the fear of losing their chosen careers.

The City of San Diego regularly takes positions on federal and state legislation. Prior to today’s City Council action, the City’s Human Relations Commission and the Committee on Rules, Open Government and Intergovernmental Relations advocated for the repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.”

A federal bill formally eliminating “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives. In addition, this afternoon, the California State Senate

Veterans Affairs Committee is scheduled to consider a resolution sponsored by Senator Christine Kehoe (D-San Diego) calling for the repeal of “Don't Ask, Don't Tell.”

Upcoming Events

Coffee with your Councilmember

Saturday, June 27

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Sea Rocket Bistro

3382 30th St.

Uptown Parking Forum

Thursday, July 2

4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Uptown Parking Forum

First Unitarian Universalist Church, Bard Hall

4190 Front Street

Hosted by Uptown Partnership. Contribute your three minutes of questions, comments or complaints about parking in Uptown. If you cannot attend, email your comments to info@uptownpartnership.org. For more information, visit www.uptownpartnership.org.

Please park in the parking lot next to the church. Enter on W. Arbor. Parking validation will be provided.

Friends of the Mission Hills-Hillcrest Library

Thursday, July 2

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Mission Hills Library

925 W. Washington St.

Internships

Be Part of the Progress! Summer Internships Available in District Three Office.

I am seeking individuals who are interested in gaining relevant, quality experience in the field of local government while assisting our office with various tasks and projects and acquiring necessary requirements for school-related internship programs.

The internship program will be based on a 10-week, eight- to 12-hours per week schedule, with two to three interns in the program at a time. Schedules will be based on four-hour shifts; two shifts a day each Tuesday and Thursday; 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; as well as the flexibility to offer shifts in the morning or afternoon time slot on Mondays and Fridays.

Tasks/Projects:

- General office work and assistance.
- Answering phones and fielding constituent input.

- Taking scheduling requests and assisting with constituent casework intake for staff.
- Filing/copying/mailing of memos and letters.
- Staffing at local festivals, street fairs and special events.
- Drafting general correspondence, proclamations, resolutions, certificates, etc.
- Attending weekly council meetings.
- Writing briefs for consent and/or committee agenda items.
- Updating the website.

If interested, please send a resume and letter of interest to Dion Akers, Dakers@sandiego.gov, by Friday, June 26, 2009.

As you can see, I am committed to the agenda you set for me and look forward to further progress with your help. Please continue to stay in touch by calling 619-236-6633, emailing toddgloria@sandiego.gov, or by visiting MySpace, Facebook or Twitter.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Todd". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Todd

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