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Councilmember Gloria: Strong Supporter of Working Families

Councilmember's Record Clearly Contradicts Report Card Grade

SAN DIEGO, CA (April 26, 2012) – San Diego City Councilmember Todd Gloria today discussed his strong record of support for local working families following the release of a Report Card on Working Families produced by the local labor council.

“Improving the quality of life for all San Diegans, including working families, is central to all I do. As the son of a hotel maid and a landscaper, I am part of one of San Diego’s many working families,” said Todd Gloria, who represents the poorest district in the City. **“I am grateful for the values instilled in me as a child to work hard and contribute to my community. My own experience shapes every decision I make, and I am proud of my record as a councilmember supporting working families.”**

The Report Card was heavily weighted against supporters of the proposed expansion of the convention center, listing five votes that were all linked to the project.

“As a lifelong advocate for working families, I support the creation of 4,000 construction jobs and 7,000 permanent jobs that would be generated by the expansion of the convention center,” said Councilmember Gloria. **“These jobs would be filled by the many working-class people I have the honor of representing on the City Council.”**

Councilmember Gloria fought to advance living wage jobs.

- Authored the *Ordinance to Protect Small and Neighborhood Businesses*, which would have required superstores (giant retail and grocery) to conduct Economic and Community Impact Analyses that would examine impacts to jobs in surrounding areas before they could be approved. Interestingly, the Report Card graded against him for this leadership role.
- Authored the update to the City’s Veterans Hiring Preference Program to help returning veterans qualify for jobs with the City of San Diego. The update was overwhelmingly approved by voters in 2010.
- Promoted job training programs as a board member of the San Diego Workforce Partnership.
- Supported the affirmation of workers’ rights to recognize the contributions of our workforce.

Councilmember Gloria has ensured opportunities are not limited by race, class, ethnicity, gender or gender identity, sexual orientation, age, faith or disability.

- Authored the *Equal Benefits Ordinance* which requires companies the City contracts with to provide the same benefits to same-sex couples as they would to heterosexual couples.

Councilmember Gloria has helped increase the supply of affordable housing.

- Leading Council advocate for affordable housing, as well as increasing funding for affordable housing by updating the linkage fee paid for by developers.

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Councilmember Gloria has been a leading advocate for the continuation of redevelopment as a job creator and funding source for affordable housing, both of which benefit working families.

Councilmember Gloria has fought for improved transit and safe and low-cost mobility options.

- Leading Council advocate for transit expansion and transit funding.
 - Restored some Sunday bus routes that were cut as soon as eligible funds were found.
 - Proposed redistribution of funds from the Interstate 5 North Coast Corridor Project in the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan resulting in an estimated \$577 million proposed to come to the Mid-City rapid corridor for a rail extension.
- Leading advocate for improved bicycle and pedestrian amenities.
 - Supported walkable and bike-friendly communities as part of SANDAG's strategic goals.
 - Consistent advocate for bikeway and pedestrian improvement projects such as the Coastal Rail Trail and the Bayshore Bikeway.
 - Supported approval of 2010 STIP Amendment which included the use of Transportation Enhancement funds on the next phase of work on the Regional Bike Program to reduce the risk of the funds lapsing.

Councilmember Gloria promotes a healthy environment and responsible use of natural resources for all San Diegans.

- Earned the highest grade of current councilmembers on Environmental Report Cards issued by 11 local organizations.
- Requested state legislation to dedicate large portions of designated open space. This is currently working its way through the legislature in the form of SB 1169 (Kehoe).
- CDBG funding for Grid Alternatives as part of annual CDBG allocations to provide funding for Solar Projects on Lower Income Households.

Provide equal and sufficient access to neighborhood services including Parks and Recreation, Libraries and Emergency Services

- Used personal office budget savings to restore some library and rec center hours.
- Ended Fire Station Brownouts.
- Restored budget cuts and advocated for sensible use of projected budget surplus that allows for restoration of library and recreation center hours, as well as adding 15 more cadets to the next police academy, and replacement of the outdated fire station emergency alert system connecting the City's 47 fire stations with the dispatch center.

“People are free to twist my votes to suit their own objectives, but my record speaks for itself. I’m a fighter for working families – always have been, always will be,” said Councilmember Gloria.

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