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**Councilmember Todd Gloria**

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**San Diego Commemorates 10 Years of Affordable Housing Progress**  
*City Council Declared August 6, 2002 as "Housing Day"*

*SAN DIEGO, CA (July 31, 2012)* – Councilmember Todd Gloria today brought forward a resolution to commemorate the progress made since the City Council held Housing Day on August 6, 2002. Councilmember Gloria's resolution was approved unanimously.

On August 6, 2002, the City Council took action to address the severe lack of affordable housing for San Diego residents. More than 1,000 people attended the special City Council meeting in Golden Hall to advocate for more affordable housing. That day, San Diego became the first municipality in the country to have a Housing State of Emergency declared, and the City Council undertook to adopt and implement a comprehensive set of programs to create significant and lasting solutions to create additional affordable housing in the City.

**"The actions taken by the City Council on Housing Day in 2002 have contributed to the improved health, safety, and quality of life of thousands of San Diego families, seniors, veterans, and formerly homeless individuals,"** said Councilmember Gloria, who has championed issues related to affordable housing and homelessness since before his 2008 election.

The City Council adopted an inclusionary housing ordinance that has contributed to the construction of nearly 2,000 units of affordable housing for low-income families and individuals in San Diego, and the Council approved the creation of a \$55 million fund to build affordable housing citywide, which resulted in the creation of 722 new affordable homes. The City Council also approved a program to prioritize the permitting of affordable housing, thereby reducing the cost of constructing new affordable homes.

**"The work our predecessors began in 2002 has generated promising results for our region,"** said Councilmember Gloria. **"We have much more to accomplish to ensure all San Diegans can fulfill their essential need of shelter, and I look forward to building on the successful track record we commemorate today."**

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