



News from

## **Council President Todd Gloria**

---

City of San Diego ■ District Three

### **STATEMENT**

For immediate release: April 24, 2013

Contact: Katie Keach, 619-235-5268

### **Council President Gloria Urges Support for Five Year Labor Deal**

*SAN DIEGO, CA (April 24, 2013)* –San Diego City Council President Todd Gloria today affirmed his consistent and unwavering support for a long term contract with City employees.

**“As I have throughout the labor negotiations process, I support a five year contract with City employees that would provide for minimal non-pensionable pay increases which would gradually restore the 6% compensation cuts that have been in effect since 2009, and provide cost of living adjustments over the term of the agreement.**

**“I am committed to collaborating with our employees, my City Council colleagues, and our labor negotiators to get the right deal done.**

**“San Diego employees work tirelessly to save and protect lives, staff our libraries, maintain our parks and other public facilities, and perform other critical functions to improve the quality of life for San Diegans and visitors. They deserve fair compensation that is competitive with our counterparts throughout the State.**

**“At the end of 2008 when our City faced a budget deficit of almost \$200 million, it was our City employees who stepped up to be part of the solution. They agreed to 6% compensation cuts, spearheaded efficiencies and streamlining efforts, participated in managed competition, and helped develop reforms to our retiree medical system. Because of our employees, the City of San Diego is far stronger financially.**

**“Five year contracts with our employees are good for the City and smart for taxpayers. By having predictable labor costs for five years, the City can save on our contributions to the San Diego City Employees Retirement System starting in Fiscal Year 2015, which would free up funds for other programs and services desired by our neighbors.**

**“As the Council President, the Budget Chairman, and as a San Diego taxpayer, I have consistently supported a five year contract that properly compensates our employees while also offering security to our finances.”**

###