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Prevailing Wage Ordinance Approved for San Diego

Interim Mayor Gloria Proudly Supports Measure Strengthening Middle Class

SAN DIEGO, CA (September 10, 2013) – Interim Mayor Todd Gloria announced that the City of San Diego will require prevailing wage be paid for all City public works projects starting January 1, 2014. The City Council approved the prevailing wage ordinance at its meeting by a vote of 5-4.

“The City of San Diego supports a strong middle class, and I am proud of the City Council’s action to approve the prevailing wage ordinance,” said Interim Mayor Gloria.

The ordinance requires the City and its departments, boards, and agencies to advertise and include specifications requiring compliance with the State prevailing wage law in contracts for public works, which generally include construction, reconstruction or repair of public buildings, streets, and utilities. Prevailing wage would impact all projects above \$25,000 for construction and above \$15,000 for maintenance, alteration, repair, or demolition work. It will not apply to contracts that reimburse work started before January 1, 2014.

Prevailing wage is known to result in safer and better monitored work sites; on-time completion; properly trained apprentices; and fewer construction defects, change orders, and cost overruns. Further, by providing appropriate compensation, workers providing a public service do not have to live in poverty.

“Requiring prevailing wage be paid is a sound decision that will result in better improvements to our streets, sidewalks, and public facilities, ,” said Interim Mayor Gloria. **“I am confident in the positive impact prevailing wage will have on our City and our local economy.”**

When the City Council originally considered the ordinance on July 30, Gloria added performance measures to the prevailing wage Equal Opportunity Contracting implementation plan that can be tracked and reported out as part of the Labor Compliance Program in December 2014.

San Diego joins over 40 other charter cities in California with prevailing wage requirements. Other cities with similar laws include San Jose, Burbank, Anaheim, and Long Beach.

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