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## **Interim Mayor Todd Gloria**

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City of San Diego

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### **Interim Mayor Applauds Pursuit of Plastic Bag Ban**

#### *City Council Committee Recommends Ordinance be Drafted*

SAN DIEGO, CA (September 11, 2013) – Interim Mayor Todd Gloria commented on a potential plastic bag reduction ordinance, which was discussed today by the City Council’s Rules and Economic Development Committee.

**“A plastic ban reduction ordinance simply makes sense, and I am grateful to Council President Pro Tem Sherri Lightner for bringing this forward and helping me protect our environment,”** said Interim Mayor Gloria. **“Plastic bags cause environmental damage that can be avoided with the ordinance being considered. Our neighborhoods, our beaches, our waterways, our landfills, and our overall environment will benefit from fewer plastic bags. I will work with City staff to develop an effective ordinance.”**

The Committee, chaired by Council President Pro Tem Lightner, provided feedback on crafting an ordinance to reduce the use of plastic bags in the City of San Diego. Interim Mayor Gloria will now coordinate outreach with the City’s Environmental Services Department, stakeholders and the City Attorney’s Office to identify and address any practical and legal issues before a proposed ordinance is developed and presented to the City Council for its consideration and also to seek corporate sponsors to promote free reusable bag giveaways in disadvantaged communities. The Rules and Economic Development Committee is scheduled to receive a progress report at its meeting on October 23.

A report on today’s item can be found online:

[http://docs.sandiego.gov/councilcomm\\_agendas\\_attach/2013/Rules\\_130911\\_1.pdf](http://docs.sandiego.gov/councilcomm_agendas_attach/2013/Rules_130911_1.pdf).

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