



**OFFICE OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT TODD GLORIA
COUNCIL DISTRICT THREE**

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: January 4, 2013
TO: Council President Pro Tem Sherri Lightner
FROM: Council President Todd Gloria *Todd Gloria*
SUBJECT: 2013 Legislative Program Priorities

I am pleased to offer my State and Federal legislative priorities for inclusion in the City's 2013 Legislative Package.

1. Protect and Expand Revenue/Fiscal Oversight

- a. Support legislation that strengthens, protects, and expands ongoing revenue for the City.
- b. Support legislation that amends the voter-approval threshold for municipalities to incur bonded indebtedness to fund public facilities and infrastructure.
- c. Oppose legislation that undermines and preempts local authority over local taxes and fees.
- d. Monitor the state's implementation of changes in state/local fiscal relationship.

2. Infrastructure/Economic Development/Job Creation

- a. Support legislation and administrative action to reestablish Tax Increment Financing for local redevelopment and economic development programs.
- b. Support legislation and administrative action to preserve and expand the State Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (I-Bank).
- c. Support legislation that continues the operation of and expands Enterprise Zones, which generate jobs and economic activity in disadvantaged neighborhoods.
- d. Support legislation and administrative action to ensure funding for and expansion of the Federal New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) Program. In the absence of state redevelopment agencies, the NMTC program will aid to spur revitalization efforts of low-income and impoverished communities.
- e. Support legislation and take the necessary administrative action to access low-cost loans for the planning, design and construction of various water infrastructure as well as for the replacement of aging water and sewer systems and to meet new regulatory requirements. (i.e. State Revolving Loan Fund, Water Infrastructure Financing Innovations Authority, etc.).

3. Affordable Housing and Homelessness

- a. Support legislation that would fund more supportive housing and provide funding for comprehensive supportive services

- b. Support legislation that would create a permanent source of State funding for the preservation and development of affordable housing.
- c. Support legislation and administrative action to ensure funding for domestic programs such as Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8), and adjust HUD's formula for CDBG.
- d. Support legislation that expands the supply of affordable housing by adopting reforms that reduce barriers to improved planning and increases the financial resources available.

4. Environment

- a. Support additional open space dedication legislation to provide for reliable open-space preservation and recreational opportunities within communities.
- b. Support legislation to preserve and retain identified parks and open space-use opportunities in former redevelopment project areas.
- c. Support legislation and administrative action to further the City's goals to expand the use and implementation of renewable energy projects and funding programs.
- d. Support legislation that would develop consistent environmental guidelines to support the permitting of special events.

5. Transportation

- a. Remove legislative and regulatory barriers to streetcar construction and transit operation funding.
- b. Support legislation and administrative action to maximize transit funding for San Diego.
- c. Supporting legislation and administrative action to support bicycle and pedestrian accessibility.
- d. Support administrative action which increases funding and flexibility in both operating and capital funding for mass transit and alternative transportation.

6. Other

- a. Obtain State and Federal recognition for Balboa Park 2015 celebration.
- b. Support legislation that assures everyone the right to equal treatment in all government-sponsored or financed benefits.
- c. Support legislation to eliminate gun violence in the City and to reinstate the Federal Assaults Weapon Ban.
- d. Support legislation that will increase state and federal funding for the care of injured and disabled veterans of all ages.
- e. Support greater transparency in all levels of governmental institutions.

I look forward to the City Council collaborating with our Mayor, our state and federal lobbyists, as well as the local legislative and congressional delegations, to help the City of San Diego fulfill its mission to build stronger and safer neighborhoods and improve the economy.

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cc:
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