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DATE: January 23, 2015

TO: Honorable Councilmember Lorie Zapf, Chair, Smart Growth and Land Use Committee

FROM: Councilmember Todd Gloria *Todd Gloria*

SUBJECT: Smart Growth and Land Use Committee Priorities for 2015

I feel fortunate to return as a member of the San Diego City Council Committee on Smart Growth and Land Use (SG&LU). Per your request, I am including my priorities for committee discussion and action below.

- I request that City staff provide regular updates on the progress of Community Plan Updates for North Park, Uptown, Greater Golden Hill, and Old Town/Midway, along with their associated Public Facilities Financing Plans.
- Permitting for Temporary Pedestrian Plazas: City staff should report to the Committee on the status of a standardized policy for the permitting of parklets, which activate public spaces..
- Update to Council Policy 200-17 (Pedestrian Crossing Policy): The City has been conducting a comprehensive review of the Council Policy guiding the recommendations for various crosswalk and pedestrian crossing improvements. Crosswalks and pedestrian improvements are closely linked to economic development and quality of life in our neighborhoods. The current policy is considered to be overly restrictive and based on outdated design principals.

- Pedestrian Master Plan: The City has been developing a Pedestrian Master Plan, which has been the subject of several public meetings. I request that City staff report on the progress of this effort at SG&LU so that the City can begin implementing pedestrian improvements.
- Bicycle Master Plan - Strategic Implementation Plan: The Bicycle Master Plan (BMP) asks for staff to develop a Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP) for the prioritization and implementation of projects contained in the 2014 Plan. Additionally, a Bicycle Advisory Committee was formed in 2014 and tasked with development and review of the SIP as one of its central duties. I request that City staff report on the progress of this effort and update the committee on how the BMP projects will be implemented.
- Smart Parking: Following installation of smart meters, I would like the SG&LU Committee to press for implementing additional smart features such as availability sensors and pay-by-phone capabilities.
- Utility Undergrounding: The Utility Undergrounding Advisory Committee will be coming forward with suggestions regarding utility undergrounding in March. These will include changes to the process which will have greater involvement by the community planning group and be much more transparent. The SG&LU Committee should plan to follow up on these recommendations once they are finalized.
- Community Parking District Program: Following the audit of the Community Parking District Program, I am anxious to see this issue considered by the SG&LU Committee to ensure the City's processes and policies are conducive to community project completion, and the Districts are incentivized to implement meaningful parking solutions.
- SRO Ordinance: It is my suspicion that the Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Ordinance may not be sustainable. Existing restrictions may make it non-economical to make necessary improvements to the buildings, eventually leading to substandard housing. I request that the SG&LU Committee, in conjunction with the Housing Commission and Civic San Diego collaborate on a report as to the status and conditions of the City's SRO stock, including suggestions for ways that the SRO Ordinance could be strengthened to ensure the retention of SROs.

Thank you for considering my requests. If you have any questions or comments about these items, please let me know or contact Stephen Hill of my staff at 619-236-6137 or shill@saniego.gov.

cc: Honorable Councilmembers
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