

District Three Dialogue

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Councilmember Gloria serves on the following:

- Chair, Land Use and Housing Committee
- Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee
- Budget and Finance
 Committee
- Rules, Open Government and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee
- City-County Joint Homeless Taskforce
- Metropolitan Transit
 System Board
- San Diego Workforce
 Partnership
- San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau

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The Challenge of the City's Five Year Financial Outlook

Councilmember Todd Gloria advocated for a plan of action following the release of the City of San Diego's Five Year Financial Outlook on October 1.

"As a City, we must pursue comprehensive solutions that tackle the immediate financial shortage while moving forward aggressively and openly about potential means of general revenue production for the long term sustainability of the City," said Councilmember Gloria.

Nine out of 10 cities in America are grappling with similar budget troubles because of the global economic recession. However, San Diego's financial challenges are exacerbated by a structural budget deficit; expenses are designed to be greater than

City Council to Consider Winter Homeless Shelter Location on Oct. 13

By Councilmember Gloria

The City Council's discussion of the annual winter homeless shelter on September 14 left more questions than answers. Where might a shelter be located? Will there be a shelter at all this year? If there is no shelter, where will the homeless go when temperatures fall? At the conclusion of the meeting there were no answers to these questions, but one thing was clear: it was the homeless who lost.

Every year the City Council waits until the last minute to discuss this issue. City officials limit the discussion to where service providers will be allowed to place the homeless during the winter months. Then City staff recommends potential sites for the shelter. Next the Council goes back and forth on the merits of a handful of locations. Eventually, we piece something together that is implemented and lasts only a few short weeks in the winter. Despite our familiarity with this almost scripted annual process, not even this was accomplished in September.

Instead, a new list of potential shelter locations was requested and will include at least one alternative located in Council District Three. Let me be clear, District Three is not shunning its responsibility to the underserved. Over the past three years, the communities of Talmadge, Normal Heights and North Park have accepted three different permanent supportive housing developments for homeless seniors, disabled veterans and for vouth who have transitioned out of the foster care system.

Given past experience, it is clear that the requested list will not magically produce a previously overlooked site that will

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revenues, causing the City to make annual cuts to personnel and services, even during healthy economic times. Councilmember Gloria urged his colleagues and the public to recognize and address this longstanding problem by immediately opening budget discussions.

"I appreciate the honesty of Mayor Sanders and support his call to examine every responsible alternative to deal with the realities of our budget, including service cuts, efficiencies and funding mechanisms," said Councilmember Gloria. "I have never heard a constituent tell me that they get too many City services; our solution cannot solely consist of cutting already low service levels. Pursuing additional revenues must also be included in the equation to balance our ledger. The Five Year Financial Outlook will be seen by some as a bitter pill to swallow, but I urge my colleagues to embrace it as a challenge to act upon. We owe it to the public to make real remedies a priority and literally cannot afford to wait any longer."

Councilmember Gloria looks forward to working closely with the public, his City Council colleagues, the Mayor and City employees to set funding priorities and pursue appropriate new revenue streams.

What services could you live without? What might you be willing to pay more for? Councilmember Gloria needs your input! Call, write or email him your suggestions or send them through Facebook or Twitter.

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Good News for Council District Three

"Pave it Forward" – Mayor and Councilmember Gloria Showcase Citywide Street Repairs

San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders and City Councilmember Todd Gloria joined work crews and community members on a City Heights street being repaved as part of the City's renewed investment into its roads on September 23. In Fiscal Year 2009, the City increased its street repair budget to \$79.2 million, a jump of almost 400%, to address maintenance needs, improve quality of life and strengthen neighborhood vitality.

"Smoother roads are ahead for San Diego," said Councilmember Gloria. "Sixty miles of roads in Council District Three will be repaved or overlaid by October 2010, and I know my neighbors welcome these improvements."

The news conference took place on Rowan Street in the Fairmount Park community of City Heights. Rowan Street was in ill-repair and cited by residents as one of the roughest local roads. Councilmember Gloria, who represents the area, has fought for infrastructure investment, a priority shared by Mayor Sanders.

"The City of San Diego is accelerating the pace of street repairs," said Mayor Sanders. "I've made repairing crumbling infrastructure in our communities a top priority because it's a priority for San Diegans."

Both Mayor Sanders and Councilmember Gloria confirmed their commitment to strengthening the City's infrastructure while being



honest about the amount of funds necessary to complete the large task.

The City's overall deferred maintenance backlog including repairs to roads, public buildings and properties, and water and wastewater systems, is estimated to cost approximately \$1 billion. The City's \$103 million infrastructure bond announced by the Mayor in April 2009 is being used to jumpstart several projects. City infrastructure bond funds are being combined with Proposition 1B, Proposition 42 and trenching fees for the street repairs.

Please visit <u>www.sandiego.gov/cd3/issues/infrastructure</u> for a map of planned street improvements.

The New Norm: New Parking Spaces Being Added to Normal Street Median

San Diego City Councilmember Todd Gloria joined community members and City staff at the groundbreaking for improvements to the Normal Street median in Hillcrest on September 28.

The median improvement project will help address the community's parking needs and visually enhance the frequently-traveled area on Normal Street from University Avenue to Blaine Avenue.

"Hillcrest is a thriving community for residents and visitors, and the Normal Street median improvements will help address the challenge of



our parking shortage near the business district," said Councilmember Gloria.

The project features a raised median with landscaping and irrigation; 15 2hour metered parking spaces on the median's east side; upgrades to two existing pedestrian ramps; installation of three new pedestrian ramps; and the addition of two new disabled parking spaces.

The parking meters were approved by the City Council in May 2009 and will aid Hillcrest in two ways: they will allow for more frequent turnover of spaces, and 45% of the parking meter revenues will be reinvested in additional parking solutions in the neighborhood. Councilmember Gloria is hopeful the parking improvements will continue.

"It is critical that we implement parking management techniques like these while moving toward adding new parking spaces with surface lots or garages," said Councilmember Gloria.

The project costs \$293,250, more than half of which is being funded through the Uptown Partnership. Local parking meter revenue is being paired with City resources to make the project possible.

Construction will begin immediately and is scheduled to be complete in December 2009.

Councilmember Gloria is working on other parking solutions for Hillcrest as well, including potential part-time use of the lots at the DMV, AT&T and Pernicanos. Please stay tuned for updates.

Good News for Council District Three

Councilmember Gloria Unveils New Bus Shelters

On September 25, San Diego City Councilmember Todd Gloria and the City Heights Business Association (CHBA) cut the ribbon on a bus shelter in front of the City Heights – Price-Weingart Branch Library on September 25. It is one of 20 new bus shelters in City Heights purchased and installed by CHBA.

"City Heights is a very transit-friendly area, and these bus shelters are practical and attractive additions to our neighborhood," said Councilmember Gloria. "This community is worth this investment, and I appreciate the City Heights Business Association for making this project happen."

CHBA identified the need for bus shelters four years ago. Four shelters were funded through the successful application for Community Development Block Grants. The City Heights Project Area Committee recommended the CHBA's request to the City of San Diego's Redevelopment Agency, which approved the funding for the remaining 16 bus shelters.

"The residents of City Heights are pleased that after a long and difficult process, we finally have the bus shelters we worked so hard to get," said Enrique Gandarilla, Executive Director of CHBA.

Streets are Safer with Traffic Improvements

Over the last few months, many improvements to improve traffic flow and safety have been implemented in Council District Three. Several of the changes resulted from public input about problem areas.

- All-way stop signs were installed at Cypress Ave. and Florida St. and Adams Ave. and Oregon St.
- Guide signs for 163 North were installed facing westbound traffic at University Ave. and 10th Ave.
- The traffic circle signage at the intersection of Landis St. and Louisiana St. was improved and brought up to City standards.
- Red no parking zones were installed at 4390 Arizona St., 3536 Ray St., 3369 C St., the intersection of Donald Ave. and Wightman St., and the southeast corner of 4th Ave. and Walnut Ave.
- Blue disabled parking zones were installed at 2820 Lincoln, 4122 Utah St., 3693 Grim St., 3878 Van Dyke Ave. and 3660 Villa Terrace.
- Blue parking zones were removed from 2877 Polk Ave., 1735 Robinson Ave., 4538 Maryland St. and 4533 32nd St.
- A 25 MPH Speed Limit sign facing westbound traffic was installed at Upas St. and 30th St.

If you have a concern about your neighborhoods, Councilmember Gloria wants to hear from you! You may reach the office by calling 619-236-6633 and by emailing ToddGloria@sandiego.gov.



City Heights Welcomes New Roots Community Farm

On the sunny afternoon of September 10, the newest shining gem of City Heights was revealed: the New Roots Community Farm. Located in the Chollas Triangle at Chollas Parkway and 54th Street, the City property has been

transformed into more than two acres of gardens by 200 volunteers and 80 families. The New Roots Community Farm is the first urban food project to be permitted within the City of San Diego. Councilmember Gloria, who proudly participated in the grand opening, hopes more will follow.

"I am currently exploring options for policy changes that could make it easier to establish community gardens and farms," said the Councilmember, seen at the right touring the farm with a neighbor.

Councilmember Gloria has held a hearing on the community gardens policy at the Land Use and Housing Committee, which he chairs, and continues to pursue additional garden sites in District Three. The International Rescue Committee led the effort to create the farm and hosted the opening.

For more information, please visit www.sandiegoroots.org.

Florida Street Repairs Coming Soon!

A badly damaged segment of Florida Street in North Park will soon be repaired. The San Diego City Council recently approved the advertisement and award of bids for concrete street panel replacement throughout the City. Included on the list of repair locations was Florida Street between Robinson Avenue and Myrtle Avenue, the source of numerous complaints for the past several years.

"Motorists traveling to North Park and neighboring communities will soon enjoy a much smoother ride on Florida Street," said Councilmember Gloria. "Strong communities are built on strong infrastructure, and I'm very pleased to deliver these critical improvements to a much-travelled roadway." began."

Construction is expected to begin in December 2009 and be completed in March 2010.

City Council Committee Makes History... Easier

The San Diego City Council Land Use and Housing Committee, chaired by Councilmember Todd Gloria, took action at its meeting on September 23 on several items aimed at improving historic preservation efforts.

The Land Use and Housing Committee strengthened protections for potentially historic resources by closing loopholes that had allowed some such structures to be demolished without any community review.

- The Committee directed City staff to amend the Historic Resources Guide to ensure that no process can be used to bypass input from qualified community members.
- Staff was also directed to extend the review period by five days to allow adequate time for comment.
- The Committee also directed staff to develop methods to post demolition permit applications on the City's website and to develop a potential policy regarding fines for the unpermitted destruction of historic resources.

"San Diego is rich with historic structures and elements, and I believe

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miraculously accommodate every need of the homeless shelter. Any site that is proposed will be met with opposition. If you can't find a unicorn, it might be because it doesn't exist. As such, the City must make a decision.

The best shelter site would be downtown. Three of every four homeless people in the City live on the streets, in shelters and in transitional housing downtown. Services should exist where they are most needed. Putting a shelter in practically any other part of San Diego ignores the demand that already exists downtown and the services and infrastructure that are present in that community to help.

By delaying action, the City imperils the ability of the shelter operator to prepare for service. As I noted at the City Council meeting and as supported by the shelter operator, lead time is necessary, adding urgency to the now-delayed decision. In justifying the delay, some Councilmembers said that the lack of additional options for locating the shelter was a reflection of poor leadership by the Mayor. I'd point out that by failing to make a decision, the Council has also failed to lead.

The opportunity to lead remains. We can solve this problem, instead of only managing it. The overriding issue is that it is not sufficient for the City to care about the homeless for only 16 weeks in the winter. We need a permanent, year-round homeless shelter. San Diego's ultimate goal is to transition from temporary measures like the winter shelter topermanent housing units with social services needed to keep chronically homeless individuals off the streets. The City has received multiple proposals from private partners to construct a permanent supportive shelter, but those conversations are also stalled. The Council should demand these proposals be publicly vetted and a contract be awarded to the most innovative and effective proposal.

Until we implement lasting solutions like a year-round shelter, San Diegans will continue to pay for quick fixes, the problem will never be

that closing these loopholes will help to preserve our valuable resources," said Councilmember Gloria.

The Committee also discussed a proposal being developed by City staff to create Historic Conservation Areas, which would protect the character of areas with distinct physical characteristics due their form, character and visual qualities. Historic Conservation Areas in other cities often overlap with historic areas, and are considered a tool to protect established neighborhoods from incongruent development. This issue will be considered in the coming months after Committee comments and concerns are incorporated into the policy language.

Councilmember Gloria was also pleased to share his passion for preservation in his opening remarks at Best Practices in Historic Preservation, a one-day seminar organized by the City's Planning and Community Investment Department and the State Office of Historic Preservation held on September 14 at the Balboa Park Club.

solved, and we will continue to have the winter shelter discussion year after year. It is time for decisive leadership on the part of the City Council. I hope the community will encourage Councilmembers to do the right thing — immediately site the winter shelter and take aggressive action to construct a permanent shelter. Otherwise, we will repeat last month's meeting, and it will continue to be the homeless who lose.

City Council Considers the Winter Homeless Shelter Tuesday, October 13 at 2:00 p.m. City Council Chambers, 202 C Street, 12th Floor



50 New Trees for North Park

North Park's 30th St. business district was beautified with the addition of 50 new trees. Above, Councilmember Todd Gloria (center), Supervisor Ron Roberts and North Park Main Street's Liz Studebaker cut the ceremonial ribbon on September 16.

City Council Approves Major Grant Reforms

For nearly five months, Councilmember Gloria has been working closely with Councilmember Tony Young, the Mayor's office, the Independent Budget Analyst's office and concerned San Diegans to develop reforms that would fundamentally change the structure of the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

The San Diego City Council took a big step toward improving our CDBG program at a special meeting on September 24. The reforms that were unanimously supported will enhance the City's ability to

address the goals and objectives as stated in the Consolidated Plan, <u>http://www.sandiego.gov/cdbg/pdf/consolidatedplan.pdf</u>. Furthermore, the changes will improve administrative oversight, customer service and the City's and non-profits' ability to make immediate and mean-ingful impacts in the communities that need it most. Councilmember Gloria offered thanks to the various non-profit groups for participating in the hearing and his colleagues for supporting his efforts to rebuild this critical program.

Volunteers Sought for San Diego Police RSVP Traffic Division

Men and women at least 50 years old are urgently needed by the San Diego Police Department's Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP) Traffic Division. This is an excellent, rewarding and interesting opportunity for citizens to help their community.

Candidates for this program should be in good health, fluent in English, possess a California driver's license and able to pass a standard police background check.

Volunteers will attend the RSVP Academy for five days of SDPD Basic Training, followed by three days of SDPD Specialized Training in Traffic Direction and Control at SDPD Traffic Division Headquarters. For more information, call Unit Administrator Bob Stewart, 858-495-7827.

District 3 resident Mary Lou Ruane was part of the 52nd RSVP class which graduated on September 24.



NEWS YOU CAN USE City Cuts Tree-Trimming Services: How to Manage the New System

These increasingly difficult budget times have greatly impacted the neighborhoods of District Three. The City of San Diego's Urban Forestry division has been scaled back drastically and, as a result, the City is no longer able to provide necessary attention

to street trees. Years ago, beautiful local palms were trimmed and manicured as often as twice a year by City staff. Budget cuts in recent years reduced this service to once a year, and current financial shortfalls have forced the complete elimination of tree trimming service. The unfortunately but not surprising result is falling branches, leaves, fronds and fruit bulbs, and a less than majestic streetside appearance that has been enjoyed in the past. Because the City's Urban Forestry team is now so small, it is forced to dedicate efforts to immediate right-of-way and emergency response issues like removing trees and brush from City streets and sidewalks and cutting down trees that pose an imminent threat.

It is not anticipated that scheduled routine tree trimming will return for some time, but neighbors still have a mechanism available to maintain the beauty, form and health of trees. Residents can seek the services of private tree care professionals and can develop a bond with their neighbors at the same time. The Urban Forestry Division recommends that neighbors group the work for multiple tree locations to reduce

> per tree trimming costs. While it may cost an individual up to \$150.00 per palm tree to have trimming performed, multiple neighboring homes in areas of District Three have successfully coordinated efforts and had trees trimmed by the same company at the same time while reducing the cost to as low as \$25.00 per tree.

It is important to note that a no-fee permit from the City's General Services Department is required prior to tree work in the public right-ofway (generally the parkway between the sidewalk and curb). For more information, call

619-527-7500 or use the online request system to obtain the permit application at http://apps.sandiego.gov/streetdiv/.

To find a qualified tree care provider, it may be helpful to contact the Professional Tree Care Association of San Diego (PTCA), http://ptcasandiego.org/.



Community Connection

Birney Joint Use Field Update:

The final piece of funding for the longawaited joint use field at Birney Elementary School in University Heights is expected to be approved by the City Council on October 5. Groundbreaking on the improvements should take place by the end of 2009.

Code Compliance:

Understanding the critical importance of code compliance monitoring, Councilmember Gloria helped resolve issues between the City's Neighborhood Code Compliance Department and Community Development Block Grant staff in order to secure continued proactive enforcement in District Three.

Progress through Partnership: An Update on True North

North Park's business district is growing and thriving. With the new energy and excitement have come some negative impacts to the surrounding neighborhood. After hearing of concerns about True North, Councilmember Todd Gloria worked closely with proprietors and local residents to resolve issues of noise and trash. To return peace to the community, several remedies have been implemented.

- The City's Redevelopment Agency has installed cameras on the North Park Garage and are preparing to install more on the North Park Theater that will cover the surface parking lot behind the garage.
- Signage will soon be added to the surface parking lot informing people they are under surveillance.
- Full time security will patrol both the garage and surface lot Thursday through Sunday every week.
- The garage will be open later Thursday through Sunday
- True North's owners are beginning a validation program for the garage.

It is anticipated that these efforts will result in more patrons using the garage as an alternative to business patrons parking near homes.

Councilmember Gloria's office has requested usage statistics of the garage to see if it is up during bar hours. Additionally, the owners of True North now send their security team out to pick up trash around closing time and urge people to quiet down and move along. According to a resident on Ray Street and other business owners, this is having a positive effect.

Neighborhood Clean Ups:

Thanks to community reporting, graffiti was removed from multiple locations in Normal Heights.

An illegally placed storage container was removed from a street in Normal Heights.

Illegally dumped materials were removed from an alley behind Albatross Street.

The 42nd Street Canyon has been cleared of debris and made safer through the clearance of brush and overgrown vegetation.

Street sweeping signs were installed on the 4000 block of Swift Ave.

Infrastructure:

Improvements to sidewalks in University Heights inadvertently resulted in broken irrigation lines and property damage, all of which was rectified after Councilmember Gloria's office worked with the contractor.

Unnecessary temporary no parking signs were removed from University Heights.

A metal post protruding from the sidewalk on 30th Street which had caused personal injury was removed.

A streetlight was replaced near the intersection of Florida Court and Georgia Street.

Public Safety:

The redevelopment site in the 4300 block of 40th Street will no longer be an attractor of crime. Brush, rubbish and dumped materials were cleared from the property, and a broken fence was repaired. Bi-monthly and as-needed cleaning and maintenance will now occur until a new project is built.

Traffic enforcement has increased along Gateway Drive in Fairmount Park after neighbors noticed an increase in speeding.

Volunteers Needed!!

Join Councilmember Gloria and the Todd Squad for Fall FaceLift 2009 Saturday, October 24 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

FaceLift is a spruce-up-a-block-in-a-day event that is accomplished through the help of community volunteers, neighborhood associations, business leaders and local elected officials acting as a catalyst to build pride and equality. Ten to 12 homes in a one block area of the Azalea Park neighborhood of City Heights will be made over in one day.

Want to help? Contact Linda Pennington 619-563-4014 or gizmopennington@cox.net

Save the Dates: Councilmember Gloria is in your Neighborhood!

Sixth Annual National Alliance for the Mentally III Dinner

Friday, October 2 at 6:00 p.m. Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Blvd. www.namisandiego.org

Visit to the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership

Monday, October 5 at 8:00 a.m. Rondoval Room between the entrance to the San Diego Zoo and the zoo administrative offices

Visit to the City Heights Area Planning Committee

Monday, October 5 at 6:30 p.m. Metro Center Community Room, 3910 University Ave.

Visit to the Uptown Planners

Tuesday, October 6 at 6:15 p.m. Joyce Beers Center, 1230 Cleveland Ave.

LGBT Community Center's 36th Gala

Saturday, October 10 at 6:00 p.m. Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road www.thecentersd.org

Visit to the City Heights Project Area Committee

Monday, October 12 at 6:00 p.m. Metro Center Community Room, 3910 University Ave.

The annual elections for the City Heights Project Area Committee will be held on Monday, October 12. If you are interested in shaping future redevelopment projects in City Heights, register to vote and be a candidate today. At this time, there are two residential owner/ occupant seats up for election, as well as three residential tenant seats, one seat for a business owner from south of Polk Ave. and one seat for a community organization at-large. The election notice is available in the news release section on the Council District Three website.



Coffee with your Councilmember

Councilmember Gloria needs your input on the City's \$179 million budget shortfall and will focus the next few community coffees on this critical topic. Please stop by to offer your suggestions. What

services could you do without? What might you be willing to pay more for?

Saturday, October 10, 11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Kensington Café, 4141 Adams Ave.

Saturday, October 24, 10:00—11:30 a.m. Urban Solace, 3823 30th St.

Visit the News and Events page on the District Three website for additional coffee dates.

Visit to the North Park Project Area Committee

Tuesday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m. California National Bank, 3180 University Ave., 2nd floor

Visit to the Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee

Wednesday, October 14 at 6:30 p.m. Balboa Park Golf Course Clubhouse, 2600 Golf Course Drive

Visit to the Burlingame Homeowners Association

Wednesday, October 14 at 7:30 p.m. Mazara Pizza, 2302 30th Street

Free Homebuyer Workshops

Thursday, October 15 6:00 p.m. — 8:30 p.m. City Heights Recreation Center 4380 Landis St. San Diego, CA 92105 Wednesday, October 21 6:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Otay Mesa-Nestor Library 3003 Coronado Ave. San Diego, CA 92154

Councilmember Todd Gloria, Council President Ben Hueso and the San Diego Association of Realtors are sponsoring two Free Homebuyer Workshops.

The workshop will educate future homebuyers on qualifying for a home loan, provide analysis on the current market and provide information about the various assistance programs available to San Diego, including the \$8,000 tax credit. Registration is required and seating is limited. RSVP to hoc@sdar.com or 858-715-8038.

Visit to the Fairmount Park Neighborhood Association

Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. 3850 Westgate Place

Visit to the Central Balboa Park Assembly

Monday, November 2 at 8:00 a.m. Rondoval Room between the entrance to the San Diego Zoo and the zoo administrative offices

Visit to the Hillcrest Town Council

Tuesday, November 10 at 6:30 p.m. Joyce Beers Center, 1230 Cleveland Ave.

Hillcrest-Mission Hills Library Town Hall

Wednesday, November 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Top of the Park at the Park Manor Suites, 525 Spruce Ave., 7th Floor

Councilmember Todd Gloria and Council President Pro Tem Kevin Faulconer will hold a town hall forum about the new Hillcrest-Mission Hills branch library planned for Washington Street. The public is encouraged to attend to learn about the current status of the project and discuss ways to accelerate the process and make the library a reality.

The events that appear in this newsletter and online are the events that Councilmember Gloria is scheduled to attend. A full listing of regularly-scheduled community group meetings is found on the Council District Three website under the Communities tab.

Tracking Todd

In September, Councilmember Todd Gloria took the Animal Protection and Rescue League's Veg Pledge and successfully tried out a completely vegetarian diet for a week. For those of you who don't know, he enjoys "quick cuisine," so this was a challenge!

Through the Veg Pledge week and the rest of the month, Councilmember Gloria kept up his quick pace attending the Azalea Park Neighborhood Association meeting, helping clean up Manzanita Canyon, holding community coffees at the Cordua home in Talmadge and at the City Heights—Price-Weingart Branch Library, enjoying the Altadena and Burlingame Block Parties and many other memorable community and charitable events.





Above: Councilmember Gloria speaks with the firefighters from North Park's Fire Station 14 at the Burlingame Block Party.

Below: The Councilmember chats at the community coffee in Talmadge.

Above: Councilmember Gloria helped raise over \$2,000 for local HIV/AIDS services for AIDS Walk.

Right: Councilmember Gloria, a cowgirl and Uncle Sam all enjoyed the Girl Scouts Celebrate America event.





Right: Councilmember Gloria serves as the Grand Marshal for the San Diego Gay Rodeo.