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People in Preservation Award Shows Progress and Promise

By Councilmember Todd Gloria

The history and significance of Council District Three's neighborhoods add incredible richness to our community. With the charm of history come the challenges of age. I have been outspoken about the need for historic recognition and preservation in District Three and throughout San Diego, and was profoundly honored to earn the

People in Preservation Public Policy Leadership Award from Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO) on May 21.

This award comes with the responsibility to remain vocal and active to ensure our past is not forgotten and not ignored because of the other pressing issues facing the City.

When I was selected as Chair of the Land Use and Housing Committee shortly after my election, I knew the position would afford me opportunities to showcase the balance that can be achieved between necessary development, affordable housing and neighborhood character. A key aspect of that balance is the significance of historic structures.

In September 2009, LUH strengthened protections for potentially historic resources by closing loopholes that had allowed some such structures to be demolished without any community review.

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Councilmember Gloria Supports Community Patrols

City Heights on Patrol and San Diegans United for Safe Neighborhoods are contributing greatly to the safety of Council District Three. Councilmember Todd Gloria showed his support for their efforts by allocating \$500 from his district infrastructure funds to each organization in May.



Councilmember Gloria with representatives from MEA and Safe Neighborhoods.

Though his visits were planned, patrol volunteers were surprised when he unveiled ceremonial checks. They were further surprised when representatives from the Municipal Employees Association (MEA) matched the councilmember's allocation to each.

"Community patrols are invaluable to public safety in San Diego. With knowledge of neighbors and neighborhoods, and a positive relationship with the San Diego Police Department, their impact is indisputable," said Councilmember Gloria.

The funds will be used to support operations of the all-volunteer efforts of the groups, including phone bills and radios.

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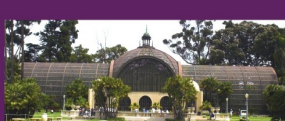
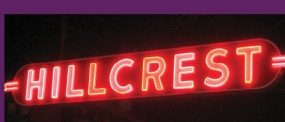
City Heights on Patrol
619-584-6744



Alana Coons and Elsa Sevilla present Councilmember Gloria with the People in Preservation Award.

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Land Use and Housing Committee Update

Ensuring Neighborhood Viability

On Wednesday, June 23, the Land Use and Housing Committee, chaired by Councilmember Todd Gloria, will consider his proposed ordinance aimed at ensuring the ongoing viability of San Diego's neighborhoods.

The ordinance would provide additional economic impact information to decision makers when considering proposals for new supercenter retail outlets.

Councilmember Gloria is a strong proponent of the small business districts that make Council District Three and so many of San Diego's communities great. The threat to local businesses has often been discussed during big box store permit hearings.

"The big box public policy debate has largely focused on the economic and neighborhood impacts of large retail outlets," said

Councilmember Gloria. "Requiring economic impact studies for supercenters would provide clarity so the City Council can make informed decisions."

Councilmember Gloria encourages public input at the LUH Committee on this topic. The meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on the 12th floor of the City Administration Building, 202 C Street.

Homelessness Solutions

Since the April 21 Land Use and Housing Committee proponents for a permanent homeless services and housing facility have been reaching out to downtown neighbors and other interested parties about the proposal to site the comprehensive center at the World Trade Center.

On May 24, an open house was held at the World Trade Center, and Councilmember Gloria took the opportunity to visit.

"I am now even more committed to this proposal," said Councilmember Gloria. "The transformation of this site and the transformation of lives that will result is well worth San Diego's investment."

Oversight for Large Hotel Projects

The public may soon have another opportunity to weigh in on proposals for large hotel projects downtown. The Land Use and Housing Committee voted to approve a change in the approval process for such development at its meeting on May 19. San Diego City Councilmembers are directly elected by voters. That fact is well understood by Councilmember Todd Gloria and was the base for his support of the measure increasing Council oversight of large downtown hotel developments.

Currently, such projects are okayed by the Centre City Development Corporation Board of Directors, whose members are chosen by the mayor and confirmed by the City Council.

"I have an appreciation for the work performed by the volunteers of all City boards and commissions, including CCDC," said Councilmember Gloria. "I believe the long-term impact of hotels is worthy of an additional layer of public scrutiny through City Council hearings."

The proposed change will next be considered by the full City Council.

Changes Below and Above Kensington

Infrastructure Update

Councilmember Todd Gloria has recently been going door to door in Kensington to provide an update on the current sewer and water upgrade project.

An outspoken advocate for infrastructure, Councilmember Gloria is excited to see over \$11 million invested in the neighborhood, but he also understands that street and sidewalk conditions have been less than desirable during construction. The councilmember has asked City staff to take appropriate actions to improve road conditions as soon as possible.

In the coming weeks, Kensington Drive, Sussex Drive and Westminster Terrace, and others will be undergoing significant street repairs. Streets will not be completely repaved, but as construction is completed, grading, mill work, patching and smoothing will greatly enhance the current conditions. Similar work will also occur throughout the neighborhood as construction wraps up. In fact, Hastings Road and Bristol Road have recently been repaired and can be seen as examples of what streets should look like following construction.

More information about the project can be found online: www.sandiego.gov/cd3/communities/kensington.shtml.

Kensington Sign Update

As the yearlong Kensington centennial celebration reaches its halfway point, Councilmember Gloria is cautiously optimistic in reporting that his goal of returning the hallmark community sign to its rightful place of prominence above Adams Avenue this year will be accomplished.

Representatives from the Kensington-Talmadge Community Association submitted new permits to the City in May, and Councilmember Gloria sent a letter urging the appropriate and expedient consideration for the project to the Development Services Department.

The latest timeline shows the sign to be back up by Thanksgiving, which would fulfill the holiday wishes of the councilmember and Kensington neighbors.

Adams Ave. Farmers Market Now Open



District Three is now served by another great farmers market. The Adams Ave. Farmers Market, a project of the Adams Ave. Business Association, is open 3:00-7:00 p.m. every Wednesday at John Adams Elementary School, 4674 35th St.

Community Connection: The Todd Squad is Working for You!

Public Safety

- Increased traffic enforcement will be added on Mountain View Dr. in Normal Heights after reports of dangerous driving speeds.
- The courtyard lights at the AT&T building in Hillcrest were replaced, bringing additional illumination to a busy section of University Ave.
- Graffiti was removed from the 3700 block of Fifth Ave., 4100 block of Violet St. and the 4100 block of Poplar St. thanks to District Three and Urban Corps. Graffiti was also removed from the AT&T building on Howard Ave.
- Swarming bee activity was addressed with the help of County Vector Control at locations in South Park and City Heights.
- Crosswalks near UCSD Medical Center were repainted to promote pedestrian safety.
- A private irrigation line on E. Palisades St. that was broken during City construction was quickly repaired.
- An unimproved alley near Alder Dr. that was greatly impacted by winter rains will be regarded by the Streets Division to again allow access for homeowners.
- Two driveways at a business on Fairmount Ave. were reopened for customer access after long-awaited street repairs were completed.

Community Character

- A CDBG-funded tree grate and bike rack installation project will continue since District Three facilitated a meeting between City staff and North Park Main Street to finalize permits and administrative requirements.
 - Thorn Street median improvements have been temporarily delayed to seek new bids.
 - District Three was integral in the last-minute success of securing the Rite Aid parking lot as the interim location for Adams Ave. Farmers Market.
 - Illegal business activity and storage were addressed on 38th St.
 - The construction equipment staging area at Adams Ave. and Edgeware was cleared of overgrown weeds and debris.
 - The intersection of Washington St. and Richmond Ave. was cleared of debris.
 - A protective fence along Grape St. Park was installed to protect against straying golf balls from the neighboring course.
- ### Infrastructure Improvements
- A serious water leak on Washington St. at Lincoln Ave. was reported to our office and later led to a full excavation and fix of a larger infrastructure issue.
 - The decomposed granite on 38th St. next to Park de la Cruz was grated as a temporary solution to the poor street conditions. The street will eventually be repaved when funds allow.
 - Sidewalks in the 3000 block of Madison Ave., 3600 block of Mississippi St. and 4200 block of Maryland St. were patched to make them easier to traverse.
 - Alleys off N. Mountain View and behind 35th St. were repaired by City crews.

Historic Preservation *(continued from page 1)*

While I continue to fight for responses and progress on the remaining issues, I am also mindful of the other related issues on the rise. I am working with SOHO and SANDAG to investigate potential ways of saving the terrazzo sidewalks at Euclid Ave. and El Cajon Blvd. where the old State Theatre used to stand, which could be impacted by the Rapid Bus route and infrastructure changes planned for the area.

I am fortunate to have the opportunity to work on issues that personally interest me. And all San Diegans are fortunate to have organizations like SOHO who step up and offer advice and partnership to keep our history alive.

Coffee with your Councilmember



Councilmember Gloria invites neighbors to meet casually at community coffees throughout District Three.

Please come by at any time during the hours listed to take the opportunity to share your thoughts with the Councilmember.

Saturday, July 10
11:00—12:30 p.m.
Lestat's Coffee House
3343 Adams Ave.

Other Upcoming Events

Celebrate the Family Day
Saturday, June 12, 10:15 a.m.
Florence Griffith Joyner Elementary
4271 Myrtle Ave.

**"With Unity Comes Strength"
Anti-Violence Rally**
Saturday, June 12
Rally 3-6 p.m. at Colina Park
4333 Dawson Ave.

Old House Fair in South Park
Saturday, June 19, 10 a.m.—4 p.m.
30th and Beech St.

Somali Family Service Health Fair
Saturday, June 19, 3 p.m.
City Heights Community Park
3795 Fairmount Ave.

Tracking Todd



Councilmember Gloria joins the generous people of Courtesy Chevrolet in supporting the North Park Little League on May 8.



Councilmember Gloria greets Robert Cardenas when the local decorated veteran was honored by the City Council on May 25.



The San Diego Rescue Mission's remodeled thrift store opened on University Ave. in North Park on May 21.



Memorial Day in District Three isn't complete without the parade in Kensington. Let summer begin!

San Diego Celebrates Asian Culture and Heritage in May

San Diego continues to grow more diverse, Councilmember Gloria celebrated Asian cultures at events in May, including the 9th Annual Asian Heritage Festival on May 1, which featured the 6th Annual Dragon Boat Festival. One week later, he participated in the Asian Cultural Festival at Liberty Station.

"I love that District Three is a microcosm of the world and rich with many people, cultures and traditions. Celebrating what each has to offer is a key part of understanding, collaboration and community," said Councilmember Gloria.

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
- Metropolitan Transit System Board
- San Diego Association of Governments
- San Diego Workforce Partnership
- San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau

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