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Honoring Officer Chris Wilson

By Councilmember Todd Gloria

On October 28, 2010, San Diego lost one of our finest when police officer Christopher Wilson was fatally shot on duty.

neighborhoods served by the Police Department's Southeastern Division was exemplary and thankfully not unique.

of these personnel. Be grateful for not only their willingness to serve but for their passion for doing their jobs well.

While deeply saddened about the voids that are left in his family, his extended law enforcement family and in the southeastern communities he loved to serve, I appreciate the attention that has been appropriately paid to Chris' work and his life.

Our public safety personnel — police officers, firefighters and lifeguards — provide selfless service daily. Too often, we take for granted their willingness to regularly put themselves in harm's way for the protection of San Diegans. I implore you to do differently; honor Officer Wilson by thinking positively about the impact

Last month, I dedicated this space to sharing the good news that San Diego police officers made arrests in significant cases. I have expressed my gratitude to the men and women of the San Diego Police Department many times here for their service to the community, for prostitution sweeps and for proactive crime prevention efforts.

The dedication and genuine care Officer Wilson displayed for the

The San Diego Police Officers Association set up a trust fund for Officer Wilson's family. Donations are welcome. Checks can be made payable to the SDPOA Charity Fund. Please write "Officer Wilson" in the memo line. Any donations will go directly to the family. Donations can be mailed to:

SDPOA

8388 Vickers Street
San Diego, CA 92111

The SDPOA is also accepting online donations through the following link:
<http://www.sdpoa.org/sdpoa-contactus.aspx>

Equal Benefits Ordinance Unanimously Approved

The San Diego City Council unanimously approved an Equal Benefits Ordinance (EBO) proposed by Councilmember Todd Gloria on October 18. The measure ensures that City contractors provide domestic partners of employees the same benefits provided to spouses of employees.

Councilmember Gloria presented the proposed ordinance to his Council colleagues.

"Equality is a priority for the City of San Diego," said Councilmember Gloria. "We have made it clear that companies should provide fair benefits to their employees."

The purpose of the EBO is equal pay for equal work. To comply with such a law, a City contractor that offers health insurance and other benefits to employees' spouses must offer equivalent coverage to employees' domestic partners. The EBO will not require City contractors to begin offering benefits not previously offered. If a contractor does not offer benefits to married employees, it is not required to offer benefits to employees in domestic partnerships. San Diego's EBO will apply to any contract entered into, awarded, renewed or extended on or after January 1, 2011.

The ordinance was unanimously recommended for approval by the Committee on Rules, Open Government and Intergovernmental Relations Committee on June 30, 2010, and was endorsed by both the City's Human Relations Commission and Citizens' Equal Opportunity Commission.

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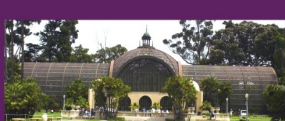
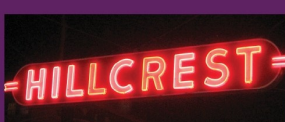
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187 New Parking Spaces for Hillcrest *DMV Parking Lot Now Open to the Public on Evenings and Weekends*

Hillcrest is home to a thriving business district, diverse restaurants and popular bars. On October 5, San Diego City Councilmember Todd Gloria announced the latest effort to address the community's one deficiency, its lack of parking. The parking lot of the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is now open for use as a paid lot on evenings and weekends, adding 187 spaces for the public.

"Along with its unique shops and attractions, Hillcrest now can also boast of a new parking option," said Councilmember Gloria, who represents the neighborhood. "The willingness of the DMV to provide an important amenity to the community is laudable."

The parking lot is now officially open, and the parking rate is reasonably set at \$1 per hour.

Prior to his election, Councilmember Gloria worked to secure the Hillcrest station of the U.S. Post Office parking lot for public use in non-operating hours, and he and State Senator Christine Kehoe pursued a similar arrangement with the DMV for over a year. Senator Kehoe was in Sacramento for the announcement.



"I'm pleased to have helped Councilmember Gloria with the Department of Motor Vehicles at the state level to get make this parking available. I know it will make it easier for so many people who shop, eat, and have fun in Hillcrest," said Senator Kehoe.

The hours for public use are 7:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday; all day Saturday; and 5:00 p.m. Sunday through 7:00 a.m.

Monday. The popular Hillcrest Farmers Market will not be impacted.

Making real progress addressing Hillcrest's parking deficit has been a priority for Councilmember Gloria. In addition to the 187 spaces at the DMV, he helped secure 15 spaces as part of the nearby Normal Street Median Improvements completed in January and 36 spaces at the re-opened Pernicanos lot on Sixth Avenue in July.

Also in attendance at the opening were Sean Wherley, representing Senator Kehoe; Carol Schultz and John Hargreaves representing the Uptown Partnership; and Lisa Weir

representing the Hillcrest Business Association.

Protections Approved for Small and Neighborhood Businesses *City Council Approves Ordinance Requiring Impact Studies for Supercenters*

The San Diego City Council approved the Ordinance to Protect Small and Neighborhood Businesses on November 3 proposed by Councilmember Todd Gloria. The ordinance passed with a 5-3 vote, with Councilmembers Ben Hueso, Marti Emerald, Donna Frye and Tony Young joining Councilmember Gloria in support.

The measure will require retail and grocery supercenter applicants to provide additional information about a proposed superstore's potential impacts to neighborhoods, local business districts, and small and neighborhood businesses as part of the City's permitting process. It will also require that decision makers make findings as to these impacts before the superstore is approved.

"This ordinance is necessary because various studies have noted the unique impacts of superstores on local economies, including impacts on neighborhood retailers and supermarkets, consumer choice and benefits, municipal revenues, land use and urban design," said Councilmember Gloria.

Though opponents argued the contrary, the ordinance would not ban supercenters in the City of San Diego. Instead, it will provide critical information to decision makers when such centers or expansions are proposed.

"Council District Three, like so many areas in San Diego, is home to unique small businesses," said Councilmember Gloria. "Large retail centers may impact these shops, and I want to know those impacts before I approve their permits."

The ordinance will protect San Diegans' right to shop where they choose. By providing an additional level of review for superstores, and by providing protections to small and neighborhood businesses, consumers who wish to shop in their neighborhood or at a superstore will continue to have both choices.

The ordinance earned the support of dozens of individuals and small business owners and was formally endorsed by the Business Improvement District Council and the Neighborhood Market Association. Supporters uniformly expressed concerns about the potential impacts that superstores have shown to have on nearby businesses and business areas.

The ordinance needs to be heard by the City Council a second time for final approval, which will likely occur later this month.

Community Connection: The Todd Squad is Working for You!

Infrastructure Improvements

- Asphalt patching will occur in the alley east of the 4300 block of Illinois St. and in the alley north of the 3000 block of El Cajon Blvd to minimize potential hazards. The locations will be added to the concrete repair list for permanent solutions, which should be complete in the next 12 months.
- Additional asphalt patching was completed in the 4600 block of 30th St. Permanent concrete repairs are the responsibility of the abutting property owner.
- Sidewalk repairs will occur at several locations in the 3000 block of Madison Ave.
- The sidewalk in the 2400 block of Pamo Ave. has been temporarily ramped to alleviate tripping hazards.
- A new sign will be added near University Ave. and 30th St. to clarify the one-hour parking zone.
- Two potholes in the 4000 block of Illinois St. were repaired.

- Redwood St. will be resurfaced between the alley east of 39th St. to Central Ave. at the beginning of 2011.

Public Safety

- Neighborhood Code Compliance and police addressed code violations in the 3000 block of 46th St.
- Brush and debris were removed from Fairmount Ave.
- A stop sign was relocated on Kensington Dr. to improve visibility and safety.

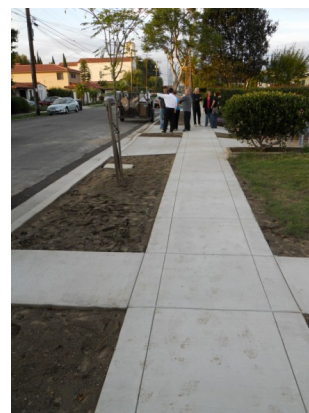
Community Character

- Debris was removed from the median at Richmond St. and Washington St. Weed abatement also occurred at the location.
- Debris was removed from 163 near Robinson St. and 10th Ave. and from 94 near Home Ave. thanks to coordinated efforts of Caltrans and the District Three office.

- Administrative Citation Warnings were issued for graffiti to property owners at 43rd St. and Polk Ave. and 45th St. and Highland Ave.
- Unauthorized vehicles were removed from the 4200 block of Polk Ave.

Success Story of the Month

Homes in the 5100 block of Hawley Blvd. in Normal Heights will no longer suffer from flooding during every rainstorm thanks to rebuilt curbs and sidewalks. Councilmember Gloria joined neighbors to celebrate the project's completion on October 21.



Conservation Makes Sense and Dollars: North Park Businesses Launch First Regional Energy Makeover Initiative

The depressed economy of the last few years has impacted local businesses. With the mission of helping companies in North Park, Councilmember Todd Gloria helped North Park Main Street kick off its week long event to help businesses save energy on October 29. During the last week of October, all businesses in the North Park community were encouraged to participate in no cost utility programs and make conscious efforts to reduce consumption and collectively reduce energy use in North Park.

"October is Energy Awareness Month, a perfect time to remind everyone that energy awareness promotes energy reductions that save money and protect the environment," said Councilmember Gloria.

Working together, the collective power of more than 100 small businesses in the community can have a dramatic impact on energy consumption of the North Park community while saving as much as 15 percent on monthly bills.

"Small businesses are the engine of North Park's economy, and the Energy Makeover is one way to demonstrate how they can be part of the effort as we move toward a sustainable future," said Elizabeth Studebaker, North Park Main Street's Executive Director.

Joining Councilmember Gloria and North Park Main Street at the kickoff were Mayor Jerry Sanders, Supervisor Ron Roberts, Mitch Mitchell of San Diego Gas & Electric, and many neighbors.

As part of the Energy Makeovers, proprietors were made aware of their business' energy consumption, and volunteer energy auditors helped determine the most effective improvements to reduce use.

Among the common retrofits to conserve energy were installation of LED lights, replacement of air filters, cleaning of hot water line insulation, and installation of new pre-rinse spray heads in restaurants.

"I applaud North Park Main Street for strengthening the local business climate and strengthening the environment," said Councilmember Gloria. "Reducing operational costs and reducing use of natural resources makes dollars and sense."

Call for Submissions: Where are the Best Water Conservation Gardens?

The recent completion of the Water Conservation Garden in Azalea Park intensified Councilmember Gloria's interest in this type of landscaping. To spur District Three's known dedication to conservation and its competitive spirit, the Councilmember will feature a Water Conservation Garden of the Month in each issue of the District Three Dialogue. He welcomes submissions including the address and photo(s) of your favorite drought-tolerant yards. Please send your suggestions to ToddGloria@sandiego.gov. And don't be afraid to submit your own!

Tracking Todd



From beginning the month with his second weeklong experiment as a vegetarian as part of the annual Veg Pledge movement, Councilmember Gloria remained busy. In addition to the North Park Theatre's sign unveiling (left), City Heights FaceLift (below), and a rally with the Environmental Health Coalition (bottom). Todd also signed copies of "Filipinos in San Diego" at a launch at Miramar College. He is featured on page 125. He also participated in a powerful rally and vigil against bullying of LGBT youth, attended Arts and Culture Fest, and several other community events and meetings.



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, November 13
10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Super Cocina
3627 University Ave.



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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