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San Diego is Home to First Harvey Milk Street in the Nation

By Councilmember Todd Gloria

The first Harvey Milk Street in the country was unveiled at a celebration on May 22, on what would have been the leader's 82nd birthday. The unveiling occurred in Hillcrest at the intersection of Centre Street and what is now Harvey Milk Street (formerly Blaine Avenue).

Harvey Milk Street was dedicated to a man who was born 82 years ago, who defied convention and gave his life to confirm the bedrock American principle that we are all created equal.

As a native San Diegan, I could not be more proud that our city is the first anywhere to honor Harvey Milk with a street bearing his name. His contributions to the fight for equality and his advocacy for the underrepresented continue to shape our community and our country. Harvey Milk Street will long serve as a symbol of San Diego's respect for all and our celebration of diversity.

The renaming effort was led by neighbors seeking a lasting local tribute to Milk. All costs for the signs and the permitting process were paid for by private contributions. I am grateful that the San Diego City Council unanimously approved the name change on May 8.



Joining me at the historic unveiling were hundreds of supportive neighbors, and the ceremony included comments from Council President Tony Young, Nicole Murray Ramirez, Dwayne Crenshaw of San Diego Pride, Stuart Milk, and Dr. Delores Jacobs from the LGBT Center.

This is the first step in my vision of creating an LGBT thematic district in Hillcrest similar to the ones established in Downtown that mark the historic homes of San Diego's Asian Pacific and Italian communities.

As the LGBT community gains greater acceptance in all corners of the world, it is important that we preserve our historic neighborhoods where our community was nurtured and provided the space to build our movement. The movement Harvey Milk made possible.

Budget Includes More Services

On May 23, Councilmember Todd Gloria joined Mayor Jerry Sanders, Council President Tony Young and Councilmember Lorie Zapf to announce the latest revised budget for the next fiscal year.

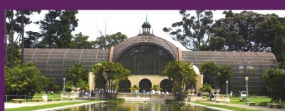
The budget proposal includes:

- Increasing the size of our Police Academy and adding a second Fire Academy to ensure the continued safety of our citizens;
- Funding critical homeless services;
- Adding even more library hours and restoring maintenance of our heavily used ball fields;
- Retaining the graffiti removal team; and
- Aggressively addressing our infrastructure deficits.

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City's First Bike Corral Opens in Hillcrest



On May 14, just halfway through Bike Month, Councilmember Todd Gloria joined bicycle advocates and local neighbors and business owners to celebrate the completion of the City's first bike corral on Fifth Avenue just north of University Avenue.

The bike corral provides dedicated on-street parking for 12 bicycles in the space normally taken by one parked car. Parking is a known challenge throughout Hillcrest, and providing more parking for bikes will encourage local business patrons to choose bicycle

Transit Improvements Approved



After years of service reductions and cost increases for San Diego's public transportation system, Councilmember Todd Gloria was extremely excited to report that the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Board approved a service enhancement implementation plan on May 17, with the first

improvements scheduled to start in September.

The \$6 million of enhancements positively impact all areas of the San Diego region and include added frequencies and extended service times for many routes throughout the system.

"I appreciate the feedback and input provided by our transit riders and believe the enhancements we approved are a good step toward developing a robust system that makes public transportation a viable option for getting around our region," said Councilmember Gloria

The full report and all of the approved enhancements are available on MTS' website, starting on page 23 of the Board's meeting agenda, www.sdmts.com/MTS/documents/2012-5-17BoardPkg.pdf.

transportation over cars. The Uptown Community Parking District provided funds to complete the bike corral to address the parking shortage. A grant from the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) was also used to fund a large portion of this project

The San Diego County Bicycle Coalition and local business owners have advocated for more bike facilities throughout the City. Additional corrals are in the works for other neighborhoods with strong interest in promoting bicycling. The corrals have proven to be a successful addition to bike systems in many other cities across the country from Portland to Pittsburgh.

Water Conservation Gardens of the Month: 5000 block of Marlborough

As Councilmember Gloria participated in the Memorial Day Parade in Kensington, two yards caught his eye: 5010 Marlborough and 5017 Marlborough. Facing each other, the two homes make a strong statement about water wise landscaping, so he chose to highlight them this month.



What yards have caught your eye? Submit your favorite via email to toddgloria@sandiego.gov.

Community Connection: The Todd Squad is Working for You

Strengthening Public Safety

- Two abandoned vehicles were towed from Kensington Drive.
- The Vice Unit of the San Diego Police Department opened an investigation of illegal business activities in University Heights based on a report received by the District Three office.
- The San Diego Police Department is assisting community members in Normal Heights who seek to set up a neighborhood watch program.
- Diagonal striping will return to streets near Bankers Hill following road repaving in June.
- Site security and trespassing issues were addressed at a building in City Heights.
- A barricade was repaired at the south end of Roseview Place.

Improving Infrastructure

- Potholes were filled at the intersection of Natalie and Norma in Talmadge, near Max and Monroe Streets, near 37th Street and Monroe Street, on Cherokee Avenue near El Cajon Boulevard, and on 44th Street near Meade Avenue.
- Leaking water pipes in the 4000 block of Hamilton Street were fixed.
- Pooling water was addressed in the 4100 block of 33rd Street.
- A noisy sewer clean out lid was secured on Rowan Street.

Community Character

- Neighborhood Code Compliance staff determined a large HAM radio antenna was found to be lawful following an investigation.
- A business owner on Fifth Avenue was connected with a liaison in Development Services and the requested property inspection occurred that day.
- A homelessness issue was addressed in the 3100 block of 28th Street.
- District Three staff is working with Park and Recreation staff and neighbors near Upas and Florida on a reasonable resolution to nearby streambed plantings.

Budget Update (Continued from page 1)



“As the chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee, I’m proud that the reforms we have worked so hard on are generating real and lasting cost savings for taxpayers. That

is demonstrated in the revised budget proposal we released,” said Councilmember Gloria.

The budget proposal reflects the priorities of San Diegans.

In the weeks preceding the budget revision announcement, the City Council heard from community members about what City services they value most at budget review hearings, and the most critical services are prioritized in this budget.

Notably, even with the continuation and restoration of these services, the City of San Diego is living well within its means.

“We’re in a good place, unlike our neighbors in big cities to the north. San Diego’s reforms – done in partnership with our public employees – have gotten us through the years of such challenging deficits. Discussing a proposed budget that features restorations instead of cuts for the first time in my tenure as a City Councilmember is a welcome change, but I ask my colleagues and every San Diegan to be mindful of the work, time and sacrifice it took to get to this positive place,” said Councilmember Gloria.

The City’s efforts to improve its financial footing helped secure an improved credit rating early in May as well. Standard & Poor’s

boosted the City of San Diego’s primary credit rating from A to AA-. S&P credited the City for our internal controls and processes, disclosure practices, and financial systems which should help future continued transparency, timeliness, and accuracy of financial statements.

Councilmember Gloria praised Mayor Sanders for his role on budget reforms.

“I am grateful for the leadership you have provided and the collaboration you have championed with employees, the council, and the community,” said Councilmember Gloria. “The budget proposal you bring forward is a substantial example of how productive a City government can be when led by sensible, humble leaders who are focused on serving the community.”

Each Councilmember will submit a memo outlining top priorities, budget amendments and other goals to ensure each dollar is responsibly allocated in Fiscal Year 13. These memos will allow the IBA to develop a final report that will ultimately guide the Council as it prepares to approve a budget on June 11.

“I have great confidence that we will once again join together to establish a solid and responsible spending plan reflective of true community priorities for FY 2013,” said Councilmember Gloria. “I am incredibly proud that our diligence and focus on righting our financial ship are paying off, and San Diegans should be confident our City is on a positive track.”

Councilmember Contributes \$83,000 to Community Causes

Councilmember Todd Gloria today announced the allocation of over \$83,000 to local facilities and organizations through his office's Community Projects, Programs and Services (CPPS) funds.

"CPPS funds are the result of savings within my office budget. I am glad that I have been able to spend taxpayer dollars wisely and contribute those savings back to the community," said Councilmember Gloria. "Though it's unfortunate that I could not provide funds to all of the worthy groups who sought them, I know the contributions made are incredibly worthwhile and will benefit Council District Three."

Balboa Park Online Collaborative Wounded Warrior Training Program: \$10,000

Benbough Operating Foundation for the Balboa Park Online Collaborative Wounded Warrior Training Program: Benbough Operating Foundation's Balboa Park Online Collaborative Wounded Warrior Training Program assists young service members who have been seriously injured transition from the military to the civilian sector through the creation of technology-based internship positions. Young, transition-age veterans (18-24) have higher rates of unemployment than any other demographic group, currently at 34%. This group also is at high-risk of becoming homeless and dependent on safety net

systems. Participants in the program learn occupation skills and gain work experience, enabling them start careers and become wage earners, contributing to the tax base and local economy as consumers and productive community members. The Wounded Warrior Training Program benefits individuals, local safety net providers, military agencies, cultural institutions in Balboa Park and the community at-large.

North Park Main Street: \$4,000

North Park Organization of Business, Inc. for the I-805 Gateway Beautification and Going Green Bike Corral projects: North Park Organization of Business, Inc.'s I-805 Gateway Beautification project will replace overgrown weeds and a poorly maintained cinder block wall with a public art installation featuring neighborhood landmarks. The installation will be constructed out of sustainable and recycled materials. The Gateway Project will create a greater sense of community and pride when entering the area.

The Going Green Bike Corral project promotes sustainable practices throughout the community and furthers implementation of a bike friendly environment. The Going Green Program proposed the installation of a bike corral on the southwest corner of 30th Street and North Park Way, which will provide for secure street parking for 12 bikes. This will help alleviate parking challenges within the crowded business district and increase the patronage of local businesses.

Just in Time Helps Foster Youth



Councilmember Todd Gloria recently met with leaders of Just in Time (JIT) and toured its facility. Learn more at www.jitfosteryouth.org.

"Just in Time is an organization that more San Diegans should know about because it's helping local youth overcome tremendous obstacles as they leave the foster care system," said Councilmember Gloria.

JIT provides transitioning foster youth with opportunities for self-sufficiency through emergency support, essential resources, and caring personal guidance at critical junctures on their path to independence. It is the only volunteer-driven organization in San Diego to assist all former foster youth with the resources needed to ensure school, job, and life success.

Although they may receive subsidized housing or scholarships from other sources, former foster youth lack essential resources. JIT steps in with the daily ingredients a family might offer: immediate emergency financial aid, basic home furnishings and, most importantly, the continuous personal connection essential to long-term results.

San Diego Natural History Museum: \$8,056

San Diego Natural History Museum (SDNHM) for Canyoneers Guided Nature Hikes and Paleontology Fossil Recovery: San Diego Natural History Museum's guided nature walks and fossil recovery activities serve thousands of San Diegans annually, enhancing the importance of environmental sustainability and recreation in our City. Funding from the City will be used to purchase needed education and visual aids to enhance guided exploration. Additionally, City funding will be used to conduct a systematic survey of potentially fossil-bearing exposures in the City of San Diego with the goal of salvaging exposed fossil remains.

REBOOT: \$5,000

National Veterans Transition Service, Inc. (NVTSI) for REBOOT Workshops:

REBOOT Workshops provide for a public benefit and allow a large return on investment for the City. NVTSI's REBOOT Workshops address the complex needs of recently separated service members and veterans who are transitioning from military service to civilian life but lack the know-how and support to be successful. Funding from the City will be used to purchase material for the program, which includes training documentation, exercise components, and supplies. The REBOOT program's goals include reduced veteran unemployment; reduced veteran homelessness; improved job placement; improved job stability and retention; improved productivity prior to transition; improved economic productivity; improved individual, family health and well-being; reduced social services costs; reduced criminal justice costs; and improved public perception of veteran treatment. The positive societal impact is incalculable.

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Golden Hill MAD update

The reimbursement process for the illegal assessments collected by the Greater Golden Hill MAD has been finalized. A Special Assessment Refund Claim Form can be downloaded from Councilmember Gloria's website, www.sandiego.gov/cd3.

Please complete the form to the best of your ability and return it to the Economic Development Department by mail or over the counter to the City of San Diego, Economic Development Department, 1200 Third Avenue, Suite 1400, San Diego, CA 92101.

Any questions regarding a claim or submission can be directed to Community Development Specialist Steve Bal. Mr. Bal can be reached at 619-236-6493 or sbal@sandiego.gov. Please allow 4-6 weeks for the Economic Development Department to process and investigate your claim. City staff will accept your Claim Form up to four years from your last posted payment.

In related news, the South Park Business Group is signing a maintenance agreement with the City to maintain 27 trash cans, 18 benches, 10 bike racks, nine planters, a kiosk, and a clock. These items are located on 30th and Fern Streets between Juniper and Ash. Also, SDUSD has expressed interest in maintaining 2 trash cans on 33rd Street between A and C Street (near Golden Hill Elementary.) If no other community groups enter maintenance agreements for remaining bins, they will be removed.

Pride Flag Monument Approved for Hillcrest



The San Diego City Council joined Councilmember Gloria in approving a site development permit for the installation of the Pride Flag Monument. The project, proposed by the Hillcrest Business Association, was approved 7-0 on May 15.

"The rainbow flag represents tolerance, diversity, and the struggle

for equality for the LGBT community. With this flag, Hillcrest is sending the message that the neighborhood stands for the principles of acceptance and inclusion," said Councilmember Gloria.

The Pride Flag Monument was endorsed by the Hillcrest Town Council and Uptown Planners, and many local residents and business owners. The 65' high flag pole will be located in the median on Normal Street at University Avenue in Hillcrest. The base of the flag pole will include a monument and seating elements. The project is entirely funded by private donations and is the culmination of improvements in the local business corridor, which have included the replacement of the Hillcrest sign and decorative median lighting. The project is expected to be complete by this year's Pride week in July.

Check Out the New Capital Projects Website

As part of the City's ongoing efforts to more closely connect San Diegans with City government, a new website focused on the capital improvement program was unveiled in May. If you pass by City work crews and want to know what they're doing, are wondering what stage a project is in, or just love infrastructure, you'll find the new site incredibly helpful. Visit www.sandiego.gov/cip/.

And the Award Goes to...Quince Street Footbridge!

On May 24, the City's Historical Resources Board presented its annual awards, and Councilmember Gloria was honored to share an award with Council President Pro Tem Kevin Faulconer and staff from the Engineering and Capital Projects and Park and Recreation Departments for the Quince Street Footbridge Project. Among the other honorees were three others in District Three: North Park Dryden Historic District received the Community History award; the Julie Wilson House earned the Architectural Rehabilitation award; and Mary Wendorf-Warner received the Preservation Advancement award in memoriam.

Historic Bronze Plaques to be Replaced

In another recent action, the City Council authorized \$5,000 from the Historic Preservation Fund be spent to replace historic markers stolen from the public right-of-way and City property in Mission Hills. The markers include two signs each for Inspiration Heights, Sunset Boulevard and Alameda Drive, and one sign identifying Mission Hills Pioneer Park Playground. Council President Pro Tem Kevin Faulconer contributed \$1,700 to the Historic Preservation Fund for this purpose, and I will be happy to see the plaques back where they belong. Thefts of bronze plaques, wires and other fixtures remain a concern throughout San Diego. If you notice suspicious activity in your neighborhood, please report it to the police.

Community Contributions

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San Diego Museum of Art: \$10,000

San Diego Museum of Art for Energy Efficient LED Lighting for the Asian Court:

San Diego Museum of Art will be replacing incandescent lighting with high-efficiency LED lights to save energy and improve the quality of the color of the lights in the Asian Court. It is important that the visitor experience be of the highest quality possible, and the lighting that has been in the space for decades is both inadequate and inefficient. New energy-efficient lighting will benefit both the Museum and its thousands of visitors who will experience the Asian Court.

House of Pacific Relations: \$1,500

House of Pacific Relations International Cottages, Inc. for Saturday at the Lawn Programming: House of Pacific Relations International Cottages, Inc. will provide free musical and dance entertainment to the public in Balboa Park at the International Cottages stage. These funds will be used to sponsor two Saturday at the Lawn Events on May 12 and June 9, 2012 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

City Projects

In addition to the great causes above, Councilmember Gloria also contributed funds to some City projects including \$24,000 to resurface the parking lot at the North Park Library; \$5,000 to complete renovations at North Park's Fire Station 14 (he allocated \$10,000 to start the project in November); \$15,000 for facility improvements at Fire Station 11 in Golden Hill; and \$1,076 for bicycles for the Police Department's Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol.

Tracking Todd



Top left: Councilmember Gloria and Mayor Sanders proclaim May to be Asian Pacific Islander American Month in the City of San Diego.

Bottom left: Council President Pro Tem Kevin Faulconer joins Todd in proclaiming May to be U.S.S. San Diego Month in honor of the newest ship to call this city home.

Top right: Always a highlight of the North Park Festival of Arts, Councilmember Gloria presents the 2012 Klicka Scholarship to San Diego High School senior Kelley Boland.

Bottom right: Todd joined Maria Cortez and signed a transit first pledge for City Heights.

Councilmember Gloria serves on the following:

- Chair, Budget and Finance Committee
- Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee
- Land Use and Housing Committee
- Rules, Open Government and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee
- Metropolitan Transit System Board
- San Diego Association of Governments
- San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau
- San Diego River Conservancy

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