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**Councilmember Todd Gloria**

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**Mr. Gloria Goes to Sacramento: Councilmember Fights for Local Canyons**  
*Legislation Would Allow City to Dedicate Precious Canyons*

*SAN DIEGO, CA (March 27, 2012)* – Councilmember Todd Gloria is traveling today to the State Capitol in Sacramento to advocate for Senate Bill (SB) 1169, which would allow the City of San Diego to dedicate 10,000 acres of open space.

The bill, sponsored by the City of San Diego and authored by State Senator Christine Kehoe, is being heard today by the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water. Councilmember Gloria is speaking on the City's behalf.

**“San Diego’s system of urban canyons and open space has long been recognized by planners and community members as one of our region’s most valuable and distinguishing features. In fact, the Council District that I represent, while highly urbanized, is laced with canyon areas. As densification increases, so does the importance of preserving and restoring our canyons as a link to nature and a sanctuary from the urban environment,”** said Councilmember Gloria.

The canyons and other open space areas subject to this bill are all owned in fee title by the City of San Diego and have been set aside specifically as open space. By enabling their dedication, SB 1169 will give these areas an added layer of protection against the pressures of encroachment since Dedicated Open Spaces require a 2/3 vote of the electorate in order to be used for any other purpose.

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*Councilmember Gloria welcomes the opportunity to discuss his testimony and the importance of SB 1169 with members of the media. Please contact Katie Keach, 619-235-5268 or [kkeach@sandiego.gov](mailto:kkeach@sandiego.gov), to arrange an interview.*