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City Council's Priorities Reflected in Newest Budget Proposal *Mayor Revises Budget Proposal After Council Weighs In*

SAN DIEGO, CA (May 21, 2013) –San Diego City Council President Todd Gloria today commented favorably on the Mayor's latest proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2014, which was released today. Commonly referred to as the May Revise, the proposal will be presented at a public budget hearing on Wednesday, May 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 202 C Street.

“Upon reviewing the original budget proposal, the City Council provided input and asked questions based on the priorities of our constituents, and I’m glad to see so many of our concerns addressed by the Mayor,” said Council President Gloria. **“The May Revise more closely reflects the will of the City Council to better serve San Diegans.”**

Among the notable changes in the May Revise:

- Strengthens public safety: restores civilian positions in the Police Department so sworn officers can perform other critical assignments; restores lifeguard positions;
- Prioritizes infrastructure: funds assessments of the conditions and needs of City facilities, buildings, park assets, and water and wastewater systems; funds the installation of streetlights, and increases maintenance and improvements of our streets and sidewalks;
- Helps solve homelessness: funds are included for the veterans' emergency shelter and the homeless storage facility; and
- Protects taxpayer interests: restores many proposed cuts in the City Attorney's Office to decrease reliance on expense outside counsel.

After reviewing the May Revise, Council President Gloria is still seeking details on the proposed location of the homeless tent and long-term sustainability of the program, details regarding the Civic and Urban Initiatives and the neighborhood benefits that will be provided. He also requests additional information on how the Mayor's Plaza de Panama plan would be implemented at the budgeted amount.

The May Revise relies on a surplus of \$13 million expected at the end of the current fiscal year.

“The City Council will work with the Independent Budget Analyst in the coming weeks to ensure the reliability of the projected revenues so that the budget we approve maintains fiscal discipline while meeting the needs of San Diegans,” said Council President Gloria, who also serves as the Budget and Finance Committee Chair.

The City Council welcomes additional public comment at its meeting on Wednesday evening. The City Council is expected to vote on the budget on June 10, 2013.

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