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## Council President Todd Gloria

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### **Council President Funds Improvements to Homeless Facility** *Office Budget Savings Used for Neil Good Day Center*

SAN DIEGO, CA (June 13, 2013) – San Diego City Council President Todd Gloria contributed \$13,549 to upgrade the Neil Good Day Center, and yesterday visited the facilities to see the completed improvements. The upgrades consisted of installation of synthetic landscape grass and clean up of the entire outdoor space.

**“The Neil Good Day Center was in need of physical improvements to support its mission of providing a safe place for our homeless neighbors to spend the day off the streets, shower, do laundry, and obtain necessary services,”** said Council President Gloria. **“This center is a critical piece of our system to solve homelessness, and I’m proud of the contribution I was able to make through savings in my office budget.”**

The Neil Good Day Center, located on 17<sup>th</sup> Street east of Downtown San Diego, is operated by the Alpha Project and provides case management, medical and counseling services, legal assistance, veterans services, laundry, showers, free storage, a computer lab and other supportive assistance to our homeless neighbors, many of whom spend their days in the fenced outside areas of the center. Over 7,500 clients are registered members of the Neil Good Day Center.

Before the improvements, the outside area was covered in dense dirt and heavy concrete, which made for a severely uncomfortable situation for the 500 visitors welcomed daily to the center. The former conditions also made it difficult to keep clean.

**“The clients have a new source of pride for the Neil Good Day Center and know that the City of San Diego is investing in their wellbeing and success,”** said Council President Gloria.

Each year, Councilmembers can use unspent office budget funds for worthy City and community needs. Council President Gloria has also recently contributed funds for improvements at Fire Station 3 in Little Italy, for the Starlight Bowl, and the North Park Community Association’s Citizens Patrol.



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