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City Council Approves Prevailing Wage Ordinance

Council President Gloria Lauds Measure for Supporting Middle Class Jobs

SAN DIEGO, CA (July 30, 2013) – Council President Todd Gloria announced that the San Diego City Council approved today a prevailing wage requirement on City public works projects. The vote was 5-4.

“San Diego will benefit from the implementation of this prevailing wage ordinance. The City Council’s action today will result in higher-quality work and more middle class jobs for our region,” said Council President Todd Gloria.

The ordinance requires the City and its departments, boards, and agencies to advertise and include specifications requiring compliance with the State prevailing wage law in contracts for public works, which generally include construction, reconstruction or repair of public buildings, streets, and utilities. Prevailing wage would impact all projects above \$25,000 for construction and above \$15,000 for maintenance, alteration, repair, or demolition work, and the requirements will go into effect on January 1, 2014. It will not apply to contracts that reimburse work started before January 1, 2014.

“Council President Todd Gloria showed tremendous leadership in bringing this item forward. Adopting the prevailing wage ordinance will create thousands of good middle class jobs for San Diegans and provide a great economic boost to our City,” said Richard Barrera, Secretary-Treasurer and CEO of San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO.

Prevailing wage is known to result in safer and better monitored work sites; on-time completion; properly trained apprentices; and fewer construction defects, change orders, and cost overruns. Further, by providing appropriate compensation, workers providing a public service do not have to live in poverty.

“As we ramp up our investment in streets, sidewalks, and public facilities, prevailing wage makes common sense and fiscal sense,” said Council President Gloria. **“I am confident in the positive impact prevailing wage will have on our City and our local economy.”**

As part of the action today, Council President Gloria added performance measures to the prevailing wage Equal Opportunity Contracting implementation plan that can be tracked and reported out as part of the Labor Compliance Program in December 2014.

San Diego joins over 40 other charter cities in California with prevailing wage requirements. Other cities with similar laws include San Jose, Burbank, Anaheim, and Long Beach.

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