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## Council President Todd Gloria

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### **Council President Gloria Supports Greater City Efficiencies** *Committee Discussed Report Analyzing City's Competitive Initiatives*

*SAN DIEGO (June 18, 2014)* – Council President Todd Gloria today discussed his support for greater operational efficiencies in the City of San Diego. As Chair of the Budget and Government Efficiency Committee, the Council President today led a discussion of an informational report from Huron Consulting Group on its Competitive Initiatives Analysis of the City.

In October 2013, the City Council unanimously supported then-Interim Mayor Gloria's plan to reorganize City government and his request to hire nationally-renowned public sector experts to conduct a Citywide efficiency study.

**"It was my hope that this efficiency study would help pave a path forward for reforming the management competition program or looking at other ways to improve City operations and generate cost savings. This report is a clear and comprehensive tool to help this City become a model for innovation,"** said Council President Gloria.

The analysis by Huron was also welcomed by Mayor Kevin Faulconer, who has proposed a revamped approach to managed competition, the process used by the City that allows private companies to compete with City employees and bid to provide specific City services. The Mayor is also exploring a program to reward employees for coming up with ideas that make operations more efficient and save money.

**"I am in full support of the Mayor's response to this report and his approach moving forward. I think it is the right thing to do,"** said Council President Gloria. **"As the Council President and Budget Committee Chair, I remain committed to cultivating efficiencies and moving forward with appropriate fiscal reforms."**

The City Council recently approved the Fiscal Year 2015 budget, which included increased City services on a scale not seen in many years. In addition to the rebounding economy, Council President Gloria credited previous fiscal reforms and agreements with City employees for compensation reductions and previous fiscal reforms for the improved budget. Further efficiencies and innovations would allow the City's limited resources to be better used.

Today's report from Huron on competitive initiatives is its final of five reports and can be found online: [http://docs.sandiego.gov/councilcomm\\_agendas\\_attach/2014/bge\\_140618\\_5.pdf](http://docs.sandiego.gov/councilcomm_agendas_attach/2014/bge_140618_5.pdf). Previous reports covered Procurement and Contracting, Fleet Services, Real Estate Assets, and Open Data.

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