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State of the City: We Can Do Better
Councilmembers Concerned with Content of Mayor's State of the City

SAN DIEGO (January 14, 2015) – San Diego City Councilmembers Todd Gloria and David Alvarez commented on Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer's State of the City address.

"In a speech about opportunity, the Mayor missed an opportunity tonight. San Diegans needed to hear that the city is going to stop hemorrhaging police officers to other jurisdictions. We needed to hear a comprehensive solution to our entire \$3 billion infrastructure problem, and we needed to hear that he was going to help more San Diegans make ends meet.

"Since the Mayor is not offering solutions, we will work together on several measures to address the real challenges facing the city, including stabilizing the San Diego Police Department to allow officers to again focus on community policing, encouraging small business growth through appropriate city investment, and ensuring the city is supporting the education of local youth with appropriate programming and services.

"On the same day of these State of the City promises, the Independent Budget Analyst released a report stating that the city will be \$96.4 million behind the amount the Mayor has proposed for infrastructure expenditures. This should be a wake-up call for all San Diegans. City streets won't get fixed and fire stations, parks and libraries will be further delayed without a more significant commitment from this administration.

"San Diego must dare to be great. We look forward to working with Mayor Faulconer and our City Council colleagues to deliver real results in the year ahead on the issues that truly impact San Diegans."

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