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City Council Prioritizes Core Services for Next Year's Budget *Budget Committee will Discuss Priorities January 28*

SAN DIEGO, CA (January 23, 2015) – San Diego City Councilmember Todd Gloria today released a [report](#) by the Independent Budget Analyst (IBA) on the City Council's priorities for Fiscal Year 2016. Core services including increased police officer pay and additional infrastructure investment were among the top priorities listed by councilmembers in their memos submitted at the request of Councilmember Gloria, who is in his fifth year leading the Budget and Government Efficiency Committee.

“The priorities reflect the true needs of San Diegans, and I look forward to working with the Mayor to ensure the final budget funds services for all of our communities,” said Councilmember Gloria.

In the four years that Councilmember Gloria has served as the Budget Chairman, the public and the City Council have become increasingly involved in the development of the city budget. Each January, councilmembers now submit their budget priorities to the IBA, who analyzes them and develops a report for discussion by the Budget Committee. Previous mayors have included many council priorities in their proposed budgets to ensure the needs of all neighborhoods are addressed.

In his memo, Councilmember Gloria highlighted the desire of his constituents for a better use of available funds for infrastructure funding.

“I have significant concerns that a \$46 million balance in unencumbered TransNet funds is projected in the City's budget at year-end. With the City's infrastructure needs estimated at more than \$2 billion, it is appalling that these critical transportation improvement dollars are sitting idle in an account rather than being spent on filling potholes, restoring existing roadways, and constructing assets within the public right-of-way,” he stated.

Councilmember Gloria will schedule hearings to draw attention to this matter throughout 2015, with the goal of quickly spending down the existing bubble on high priority projects throughout the City, and exploring a management strategy to do a better job of spending these funds moving forward to address the most pressing transportation problems. The development of an infrastructure funding measure for voters' consideration in 2016 by Councilmember Mark Kersey is still necessary, but Councilmember Gloria knows TransNet funds can be better used to get results now.

The Mayor will release his proposed FY 16 budget on April 15. The full budget calendar can be found [here](#).

The Budget and Government Efficiency Committee will discuss the City Council's budget priorities at its meeting on Wednesday, January 28 at 9:00 a.m. at the City Administration Building. Members of the public and the media are encouraged to attend.

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