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DATE: January 15, 2013
TO: Honorable Councilmember Marti Emerald
FROM: Council President Todd Gloria *Todd Gloria*
SUBJECT: 2013 Priorities for the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

The Public Safety and Neighborhood Services (PS&NS) Committee oversees some of the City's most critical services, and I am pleased to offer my suggestions for your consideration as priorities for 2013.

- Staffing levels of departments within the Committee's jurisdiction. Remaining updated on the status of ongoing and upcoming public safety academies, and on foreseeable staffing vacancies would be of great value to our City so proper planning and decisions can be made.
- Homeless services funding. The City Council has previously prioritized core homeless services for funding from Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG). Connections Housing is set to open this month, and its success will require ongoing funding, and the City's participation in that should be prioritized. It may also be beneficial for the Committee to review which programs may be considered for funds prior to the competitive CDBG allocations.
- Assess conditions of fire stations. As part of the Committee's planned ongoing focus on implementing the recommendations of the Citygate report, it would be beneficial to include an assessment of current conditions at fire stations. Replacement of outdated stations and the completion of stations in underserved areas remains important, but progress could be made on improving the quality of life for firefighters in current stations as well. Along with some of my colleagues, I have contributed significant amounts of my Community Projects, Programs, and Services (CPPS) funds for local station improvements, and having a prioritized list of needs may help accelerate further allocations throughout the City.
- Follow up on community parking district (CPD) reforms. As part of the Committee's oversight of assessment districts, I respectfully ask that you consider parking district reforms originally discussed at the Budget and Finance Committee. The changes suggested to improve the operations of parking districts were:
 - Prioritize funding for tangible results and creating additional parking spaces

- Eliminate inappropriate restrictions on allowable distances and impact zones for CPD project expenditures
 - Use previous successful projects as guidelines for future implementation to cut down on analysis and review time
 - Increase regular coordination with necessary City departments and City Attorney
 - Clarify disputed areas between CPDs and constants of parking projects (eg- degree of angled parking)
 - Consider lowering thresholds for project implementation (eg- percentage of supporting property owners required for head-in parking)
 - Install quantifiable performance measures into annual plans and budgets for CPD Boards
- Funding for security cameras at North Park Community Park. Several improvements have been made at this park and the neighboring ALBA School to increase safety and neighborhood use of the facility. Security cameras are needed to help complete the improvements.

cc: Honorable City Councilmembers
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