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San Diego Earns Perfect Score for Equality

Councilmember Comments on Human Rights Campaign's Announcement

SAN DIEGO, CA (November 27, 2012) – The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) announced this morning that San Diego earned a perfect score on its Municipal Equality Index. Councilmember Todd Gloria released the following statement about the score.

“I’m proud that the entire nation knows that San Diego stands for equality. This is the result of decades of work by many in the LGBT community with incredible support from our allies. I am proud to have played a direct role championing this progress by authoring the City’s Equal Benefits Ordinance.

“In addition to the criteria considered by the HRC, we’ve created a culture that not only is inclusive, but celebrates San Diego’s rich diversity. In just the last year, our City became home to the first street honoring slain civil rights leader Harvey Milk, and installed a Pride Flag Monument in Hillcrest. These are more than token gestures; they are permanent fixtures that welcome every person of every background and belief to our City.

“San Diegans deserve recognition as well for being open minded and progressive thinkers who not only support our movement toward equality, but continue to elect LGBT representatives and our allies to all levels of government.”

The Municipal Equality Index scored 137 cities using 47 criteria in categories including non-discrimination laws, relationship recognition, the municipality’s employment practices, inclusiveness of city services, law enforcement, and municipal leadership. San Diego was one of only 11 cities that earned a perfect score. The full report can be found online: <http://hrc.org/municipal-equality-index#.ULTIZYXKkcq>. San Diego’s score can be viewed here on page 41 of the pdf: http://www.hrc.org/files/assets/resources/2012_HRC_MEI_Scorecards.pdf.

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