

News from Councilmember Todd Gloria

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San Diego's Holiday Gift: Rain

By Councilmember Todd Gloria

Happy New Year! I hope you had great holiday season.

Mother Nature bestowed upon San Diego the gift of rain. Obviously, the rains generated flooding, potholes, sinkholes, downed trees, standing water, and many other challenges in our neighborhoods. On January 4, the City Council held a special meeting and ratified the Mayor's proclamation of a winter storm emergency, which will allow the City to access any available state and federal aid.

If we are approved for aid from the Federal Emergency Management Association, the City will be reimbursed for 93.25% of approved storm-related costs. If we only receive State aid, 75% of costs will be reimbursed.

If you sustained private storm-related damage or losses and

would like to know of potential assistance opportunities, you may find this online resource helpful: <http://www.fema.gov/assistance/index.shtm>.

I am thankful that so many of you have helped with the storm recovery efforts by reporting weather-related infrastructure and clean up issues to the City. Please continue to report problems using the online tool: <http://apps.sandiego.gov/streetdiv/>, and of course contact my office if I may be of service.

I know you agree with me that City staff has been amazing throughout our holiday storms thus far. Helping pump out and clean up Qualcomm Stadium for the Poinsettia Bowl was remarkable. The daily heroics of our firefighters and police officers were critical during crisis conditions citywide, and our

lifeguards came inland to perform more than 70 inspiring rescues along the San Diego River in Mission Valley. I also want to recognize the American Red Cross for stepping in to help some neighbors on 39th Street who were displaced from their apartments when a sinkhole opened up near their residences.

As the quick and purposeful responses to the storms indicate, 2011 will be a productive year. Balancing the City's deficit-stricken budget, continuing our investment in infrastructure, and remaining focused on strengthening public safety will be my priorities moving forward.

Your input will be increasingly valuable as funding priorities and decisions are made. I encourage each of you to renew your involvement in your community and your City this year, and participating in my monthly community coffee series and my upcoming State of District event are easy ways to start.



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COUNCILMEMBER TODD GLORIA
INVITES YOU TO JOIN HIM FOR THE

STATE OF DISTRICT THREE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2011
6:30 P.M.

THE BIRCH NORTH PARK THEATRE
2891 UNIVERSITY AVENUE

RSVPS ARE REQUESTED
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Balboa Park City Heights Golden Hill Hillcrest Kensington
Normal Heights North Park South Park Talmadge University Heights

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Land Use and Housing Committee Roundup

On December 8, Councilmember Todd Gloria concluded two years as chair of the Land Use and Housing Committee and shared comments about accomplishments that stood out to him.

"I am particularly proud of the work conducted by this committee to advance solutions to homelessness. Most significantly, we spearheaded a multi-year effort to identify a location and an operator for a permanent, one-stop Homeless Service Center and Housing Facility, which was advanced to the City Council.

"We also orchestrated an effort to ensure that our current Emergency Winter Shelter Program is the most cost effective and efficient model available, and we explored additional proven and successful strategies for solving homelessness.

"I'm also proud of our efforts to champion affordable housing. We set out a measured approach to addressing the insufficiencies in the Commercial Linkage Fee rate structure identified by the City Auditor. We also gave guidance to the Housing Commission in its strategies for the Affordable Housing Fund and its 2011 Business Plan.

"The Committee worked with our Development Services Department to advance the

we passed new guidelines to ensure that City construction projects meet the highest possible environmental standards.

"We advocated for Community Gardens, and while we made some progress, I will note that our work is not finished on this matter. I plan to continue working with community garden advocates to expand opportunities for community gardens in our City.

"In 2010, this committee was proactive in generating policy proposals which solidified our role as the policy making body for the City. We launched a number of ordinances, including the ordinance to regulate medical marijuana dispensaries, the Ordinance to Protect Small and Neighborhood Businesses, the Abandoned Properties Ordinance, and an ordinance to give the Redevelopment

Agency greater authority when it comes to approval of large downtown hotel projects.

"Along the way, this committee also reviewed and made recommendations in support of dozens of infrastructure projects that improve our communities, roads, and parks.

"I would note that there was one infrastructure project that we did not support – the Regents Road Bridge. With Councilmember Sherri Lightner's leadership, this committee put an end to a long standing threat to Rose Canyon."

Councilmember Gloria looks forward to making additional critical progress for the City as the new chair of both the Budget and Finance Committee and the new Ad Hoc Committee on Redevelopment.

Recycle your Christmas Tree by January 23, 2011

Drop-off locations serving District Three include:

Golden Hill Recreation Center
2600 Golf Course Dr.

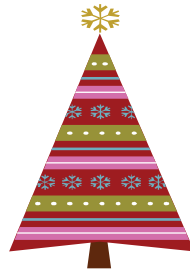
Cielo Dr. at Woodman St.
in Encanto

Chollas Lake
6350 College Grove Dr.

SDSU Parking Lot D
off Alvarado Rd.

For a complete list of locations, visit:

www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/pdf/treerecycling.pdf



Public Transportation Update

2050 Regional Transportation Plan



The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) Board of Directors approved the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan on December 17, 2010. Throughout the development of the Plan, Councilmember Todd Gloria successfully fought for the inclusion of many transit projects that will prove

critical to the sustainment of San Diego's high quality of life for future decades, including streetcars for District Three. "I may be most excited that the Plan includes much-anticipated new streetcar projects for our urban neighborhoods," said Councilmember Gloria.

To learn more, check out www.sandag.org.

Mid-City Bus Rapid Transit Stations

When I-15 was completed through City Heights, Kensington, and Normal Heights, the communities were promised a functional transit service to benefit nearby neighborhoods. The long-awaited Bus Rapid Transit

(BRT) line is schedule to start service in 2012 with stations at University Ave. and El Cajon Blvd. Environmental documents for the project were recently released.

Community members and interested parties are encouraged to review the environmental documents on the design alternatives for the stations prior to February 13, 2011.

The documents are available at the Kensington/Normal Heights Library on Adams Ave. and the City Heights Weingart Branch Library on Fairmount. You can also view them online at <http://www.keepsandiegomoving.com/home.aspx>.

Councilmember Gloria encourages you to learn more about the designs and provide input at an upcoming public forum.

Mid-City BRT Public Input Session

Wednesday, January 26, 2011

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Central Elementary School, 4063 Polk Ave.

Community Connection: The Todd Squad is Working for You!

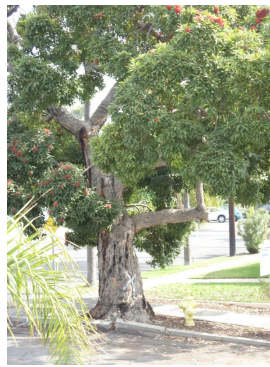
Infrastructure Improvements

- City crews investigated construction damage on Montecito Way.
- Potholes were filled in the 4000 and 4100 blocks of Van Dyke Ave., the 4600 block of W. Talmadge Dr., and the alley behind the 1400 block of Meade Ave.
- Asphalt patches will be added to the alley behind the 3900 block of Arizona St.
- A water leak was repaired in the 2400 block of Haller St.

Community Character

- Enforcement against illegal yard sales began in January. Neighborhood Code Compliance staff is working in conjunction with the San Diego Police Department to address this ongoing concern.
- An illegal trailer that was being lived in was moved from the 3000 block of 46th St.
- A cell phone dropped into a storm drain was recovered due to quick action by a

Success Story of the Month



A historic tree at Richmond St. and Pennsylvania Ave. in Hillcrest that is more than 100 years old was saved from removal thanks to intervention of

watchful community members and Councilmember Gloria.

constituent, Councilmember Gloria's office, and City staff.

Construction debris remaining from a summer 2010 utility project was removed from a Kensington alley thanks to coordination from the District Three Office.

Public Safety

- A streetlight at Polk Ave. and Van Dyke Ave. was repaired.
- Graffiti was removed from the 163 North off-ramp to Robinson Ave.
- A pedestrian-activated traffic light will be installed at Park Blvd. and Russ Blvd. by August 2011.
- All-way stop signs are being installed at Texas St. at Polk Ave.

Upcoming Events

Public Safety and Hate Crimes Forum

Monday, January 10, 2011

6:30—8:00 p.m.

The Center

3909 Centre Street

Franklin Elementary Open House

Thursday, January 20

10:30 — 11:30 a.m.

4481 Copeland Ave.

Info: kensington4franklin@gmail.com

Coffee with your Councilmember

Saturday, January 22

10:00—11:30 a.m.



Balboa Park Senior Lounge
Casa Del Prado, Room 105

Coffee with your Councilmember

Saturday, February 12

10:00—11:30 a.m.



Alchemy
1503 30th St.

Franklin Elementary Open House

Thursday, February 17

10:30—11:30 a.m.

4481 Copeland Ave.

Info: kensington4franklin@gmail.com

State of District Three

Wednesday, February 23

6:30 p.m.

Birch North Park Theatre

2891 University Ave.

Water Conservation Garden of the Month: Rexford Drive in Fairmount Park

Congratulations to neighbors Fred and Ray and Pete and Marnie for being selected as the Water Conservation Gardens of the Month for January 2011!

Their homes on Rexford Drive in Fairmount Park were re-landscaped in the last 18 months with drought-tolerant plants and a variety of rocks.



Call for Submissions:

Where are the Best Water Conservation Gardens?

Each issue of the District Three Dialogue will feature a local garden that is both beautiful and water-conscious. Submissions including the address and photo(s) of your favorite drought-tolerant yards are welcome. Please send your suggestions to ToddGloria@sandiego.gov. Don't be afraid to submit your own!

Tracking Todd



The amazing youth from Reality Changers helped Todd make a difference cleaning up Swan Canyon in City Heights.



Todd enjoyed another trip down University Ave. during the 47th Annual North Park Toyland Parade on December 4.



Todd joined Congresswoman Susan Davis and many community members for the ribbon cutting of the new health center at Central Elementary School on December 10.



Todd visited with a resident of the Emergency Winter Shelter on December 15 before helping serve dinner to the 220 neighbors there.

Councilmember Gloria serves on the following:

- Chair, Budget and Finance Committee
- Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Redevelopment
- Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee
- Land Use and Housing Committee
- Rules, Open Government and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee
- Metropolitan Transit System Board
- San Diego Association of Governments
- San Diego Workforce Partnership
- San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau

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