



81 Days of Progress

INTERIM MAYOR TODD GLORIA

City of San Diego

WEEKLY UPDATE: SEPTEMBER 25

New Lobbying Contracts: I'm pleased to report that we now have lobbying firms to represent the city's interests in Washington, D.C. and Sacramento. We have signed contracts with the firm of Patton Boggs to lobby in D.C. and the firm of Sloat, Higgins, Jensen & Associates to lobby in Sacramento. These contracts will run until the end of the current fiscal year or until we complete the RFP process for bidding out these contracts, whichever comes first. As you know, we haven't had representation in either D.C. or Sacramento since the previous mayor terminated the lobbying contracts at the end of December without giving a reason.

The contract for Patton Boggs is capped at \$135,000 and the Sloat Higgins contract is capped at \$126,000. I will be meeting with Patton Boggs next week when I head back to D.C. for three days with the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Management Restructuring: As many of you know, I've been looking at ways to restructure the organization of the city to make it more accountable and efficient. We've been conducting a top-down review and are coming up with some good ideas for how to make this happen. We should have a concrete plan to present to the City Council by the end of October.

New Central Library: The grand opening is scheduled for this Saturday and I expect it to be a terrific event. We opened the facility up to the media yesterday and many of you got to see for the first time what a spectacular building it is. The grand opening has been three decades in the making and it's really a privilege to finally see the end result of all those years of hard work.

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