

May 2024 Report
Office of Mayor Todd Gloria

Budget

Protecting our Progress FY 2025

- Mayor Gloria announced his proposed [FY25 budget's theme is "Protecting our Budget,"](#) and is a **\$5.65 billion** spending plan to continue focusing on key priorities and maintaining core services.
- This proposed budget continues to address homelessness and the building of more housing for San Diegans. It has increased funding in homelessness by **\$26.6 million**.
- This proposed budget also earmarks **\$104.6 million for street resurfacing construction and design**, allowing us to resurface 75 miles in the next fiscal year, which is 15 more miles than the previous fiscal year.
- In regard to Stormwater, this budget also includes **\$85.1 million in funds for flood control and green infrastructure projects**.
- Key public safety and neighborhood services departments – Police, Fire, Lifeguards, Libraries, Parks, and Recreation Centers – will continue to be funded.
- At this time, City Council is actively going through the Budget Review Committee hearings. For more information on the Budget Review Committee schedule please visit this website: <https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/2024-05/fy25-departmental-and-outside-agencies-budget-hearing-calendar.pdf>

Homelessness

Kettner and Vine

- Mayor Gloria announced our plans to pursue a new 1,000 congregate bed shelter located at Kettner and Vine. This site is a nearly 65,000 square foot vacant commercial building. This will be the City's largest full-service shelter. Like all shelters, it would provide on-site security, meals, housing navigation and case management services.
- Improvements would include adding showers, additional restrooms, commercial kitchen, laundry facilities and dining/recreation areas. The building improvements and shelter operations will be funded through a combination of local, state and federal funds along with significant contributions from generous local donors. Homelessness is our City's biggest challenge and it requires big solutions like this one.

H Barracks

- Mayor Gloria announced the City will focus its efforts at H Barracks primarily on expanding its Safe Parking Program for unhoused San Diegans who are temporarily residing in their vehicles.
- While the focus will be on expanding the Safe Parking Program by roughly 200 spaces, options such as a sprung structure will remain a possibility at that site.

Public Safety

Appointment of the Next Chief of Police

- Following an extensive national search and interview process that included vetting by community and law enforcement leaders, Mayor Todd Gloria announced that he is

appointing current Assistant Chief Scott Wahl to be the next Chief of Police for the San Diego Police Department.

- Wahl is a current Assistant Chief with the Department, overseeing Special Projects and Legislative Affairs. In this role, he is responsible for implementing federal, state, and local legislative changes throughout the organization. He served as the department's spokesperson for three years, boosting transparency and giving a voice to police initiatives in the community. As captain of Northern Division, which includes some of the city's largest coastal communities, he worked collaboratively with community groups to reduce gun violence and residential burglaries.
- Assistant Chief Wahl's nomination was presented to City Council Committee of the Whole on April 29th, 2024. **Assistant Chief Wahl's nomination will now be moving forward to full City Council for approval on May 13th, 2024.**

Fire Chief Recruitment

- Chief Stowell announced his plans to retire in August 2024 following 34-years of service. The City has launched a nationwide search for a new Chief of the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department, including a public survey to gather community feedback.
- In the upcoming weeks the interview process will begin to select a new Fire Chief. More information about the process can be found here: <https://www.sandiego.gov/next-fire-chief>

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