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Environmental Health & Justice Campaign Endorses Todd Gloria for Mayor

Organization commends actions on social and environmental justice

SAN DIEGO, September 24, 2019 – Today, Environmental Health & Justice Campaign (EHJC), an organization that empowers communities to achieve environmental justice, endorsed candidate Todd Gloria for Mayor of San Diego. EHJC notably recognized Gloria’s commitment to addressing serious health and environmental problems facing frontline communities in San Diego.

“San Diego’s environmental justice communities carry a disproportionate burden of the harmful effects of climate change, toxic pollution, and poor land-use policies,” said Beatriz Barraza, President of EHJC. “Todd understands the impact of these problems and takes concrete actions to ensure that all San Diegans have the right to clean air, safe streets, and healthy neighborhoods.”

As a San Diego City Councilmember Gloria consistently supported the Barrio Logan Community Plan Update, aimed at separating polluting businesses from homes, and improving neighborhood health, economic development and overall quality of life. He fought alongside the community against a 2014 referendum led by current San Diego Mayor, Kevin Faulconer that repealed the community-supported plan.

As Interim Mayor, Gloria also developed a legally enforceable Climate Action Plan that included the first equity element requiring the city to take action in the most impacted communities. Earlier this year, he introduced AB 423, legislation to reform the governing board of the San Diego Air Pollution Control District (APCD). The California legislature approved the bill earlier this month. If signed into law by the governor, AB 423 will restructure the APCD board to be more accountable, transparent, and reflect the diversity of San Diego County residents.

“We are thrilled to endorse Todd Gloria for San Diego Mayor in 2020,” said Diane Takvorian, executive director of EHJC. “AB 423 is groundbreaking legislation that once again demonstrates his steadfast dedication to working on behalf of low-income communities most impacted by some of the worst air pollution in California.”

In addition to his commitment to achieving environmental justice in San Diego, EHJC also selected Gloria for his mayoral platform priorities to tackle the city’s most pressing problems including homelessness, lack of affordable housing for working families, and income inequality.

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