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Council President Pro Tem Jim Madaffer Allocates Funds to Keep Community Pool Open

Council President Pro Tem Jim Madaffer announces allocating funds to keep the Allied Gardens Community Pool open.

Due to the City's budget constraints, the Mayor's proposed budget for FY 2009 includes closing community pools throughout the City in staggered schedules for up to three months at a time during the winter months. The Allied Gardens Community Pool is scheduled to be closed from December 31, 2008 until April 19, 2009. It is estimated that it would cost \$132,000 to keep the pool open during that time frame.

Council President Pro Tem Madaffer allocated the remainder of the available District 7 State of California Prop 40 funds, a total of \$85,000, in order to keep the Allied Gardens Community Pool open for an additional eight weeks.

Additionally, Madaffer is requesting that a more sensible approach be used in having all maintenance and repair work done while City pools are closed so they can remain open to the public for as many days as possible. Knowing how disruptive pool closures can be, he wants to ensure that league schedules, regularly scheduled pool activities and maintenance timetables are factored into the decision of which specific eight weeks will be used to extend the pool season.

"Providing key City services for my constituents is a priority. The business of the City of San Diego is to provide critical and reliable basic services. As an elected official, I work to ensure that residents receive the best customer care when receiving these services," said Council President Pro Tem Madaffer.

He said his focus is on youth and that pools, parks and programs geared toward young people are an especially important priority for District 7.

Proposition 40 - The California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 is a \$2.6 billion bond for natural resource conservation, parks, and historical and cultural resources.

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