



# Councilman Steve Cohn

Councilmember  
District 3

## 2011 State of the District Report

**THANK YOU** to District 3 voters for reelecting me to a record fifth term on the Council! As the only City Councilmember reelected in 2010, I do not take this vote lightly. I also want to thank City voters for defeating Measure B and passing Measure C. As Co-Chair of the NO on Measure B Committee, I was certainly hopeful that City voters would see through this risky measure. But, I was astounded by the resounding 69 percent margin of defeat. Obviously, the Tea Party did not get in Sacramento's water. At the same time, neither City Council nor City management is interpreting this decisive vote to mean that City residents aren't concerned about their utility rates or services. We have directed the City Auditor to hire an outside firm to perform an independent evaluation of the City's utility operations and to make recommendations to increase efficiency and cut costs, while also reinvesting in the city's aging infrastructure.

The City continued to struggle in 2010 with double-digit unemployment and falling tax revenues. State furloughs pummeled our local businesses and residents. I am much more optimistic about our prospects in 2011, but the City will need to continue to tighten its budget belt and learn to get more with less. I guess it's fitting that we're back to the future with the original "less is more" Governor Jerry Brown.

It is also fitting that Sacramento continue its drive towards sustainability during these tough economic times. Being green and using energy and resources more efficiently should result in economic savings. Some people call this a triple net bottom line: it's good for the environment, the economy and social equity. I will be dedicating my remaining time in office to leading our City and region in this direction.

I welcome your comments on these highlights from 2010 and my top priorities for 2011. Feel free to contact me anytime at City Hall at 808-7003 or [scohn@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:scohn@cityofsacramento.org).

Yours truly,

Councilmember, District 3



Crocker Art Museum  
October 2010

### CITYWIDE TOP 10 HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2010

1. Grand Opening of the Crocker Art Museum expansion.
2. Council adopted a landmark City General Plan that is a blueprint for sustainable growth over the next 20 years.
3. Council closed \$43 million budget gap and adopted balanced budget with no new taxes, no elimination of firefighter positions and adding 30 new sworn police officers over the next three years.
4. The City ranked 4th best in the nation by US Census Bureau's American Community survey for bike commuters.
5. Council adopted a model ordinance regulating the location and operation of medical marijuana dispensaries.
6. Council approved Waste Management Agreement with County and BLT Enterprises that allows City to use County facility for reduced fee, and lowers the City's solid waste carbon footprint by 85% by eliminating 1.7 million long-haul truck miles.
7. City expanded the volunteer containerized green waste program with over 100,000 out of 116,000 City households now participating, reducing costs and increasing service frequency.
8. Capitol Corridor obtained \$29 million federal grant for

- Sacramento track relocation project and track/signal improvements between Sacramento and Davis.
- 9. City's drinking water ranked number 1 in California among large cities for Water Quality by the Environmental Working Group.
- 10. City/County increased homeless shelter beds despite budget cuts.

**OTHER CITY/REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:**

Council started E-Comments, an easy on-line system for citizens to comment on any Council agenda item ♦ California awarded \$3 Billion in Federal funding for High Speed Rail, including design work for Sacramento connection via Merced, San Francisco and San Jose ♦ Measure C, Council proposed measure to tax medical marijuana dispensaries and related sales, passed by a margin of 71% to 29% ♦ California Office Traffic Safety Grant for \$621K for enforcement and education of drunk driving ♦ Council approved an independent budget analyst to find more efficient ways to provide services ♦ Council approved consolidation of several city departments to save money and become a more efficient ♦ City opened a new library in Greenhaven/ Pocket.

**DISTRICT 3 TOP 10 HIGHLIGHTS**



*McKinley Park Tennis Court Opening  
May 2010*

- 1. McKinley Park Tennis Court Reconstruction completed.
- 2. 15th Annual Pops in the Park concert series
- 3. 6th Annual Screen on the Green movie series
- 4. Organic, local farm stand and mobile food vendor brought to McKinley Park.
- 5. Installed several measures proposed by neighbors in Mercy Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan.

- 6. Partnered with community to raise funds to save pool hours at Glenn Hall and Bertha Henschel Wading Pool.
- 7. Completed construction of community play fields at Plover School in Ben Ali neighborhood.
- 8. Installed safety improvements at Glenn Hall Park (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design).
- 9. Converted J Street between 30th Street and Alhambra Boulevard to two-way.
- 10. Completed City's pilot green alley 17/18 and L/Capitol alley, along with opening of STITCH housing on alley.



*Alley Dedication  
November 2010*

**OTHER DISTRICT 3 HIGHLIGHTS:**

Started construction on "phase II" at Sutter's Landing Park ♦ Alhambra & Stockton Medical office/Retail Project built ♦



Groundbreaking for 85-unit LEED-certified La Valentina affordable housing and mixed use project at Light Rail Station at 12th and D/E ♦ Began Neighborhood

Traffic Management Process in Sunshine Tract and Ben Ali Neighborhoods ♦ Installed efficient new irrigation system at Bertha Henschel Park.

*LaValentina Groundbreaking  
October 2010*

**STEVE'S TOP 10 CITY PRIORITIES FOR 2011**

- 1. Adopt Mayor's Greenwise Initiative establishing Sacramento as the Emerald Valley and green job capital.
- 2. Groundbreaking on track relocation/expansion of Sacramento Valley Station.
- 3. Start of construction on museums, shops and housing in Railyards and Township 9, first phase of more than 15,000 housing units in Central City.



*Folsom Dam*

4. Make substantial progress on Folsom Dam and levee improvements needed to achieve 200-year flood protection on both the Sacramento and American Rivers.
5. Develop Strategic Plan for Sacramento's rail and transit future, including connection to high speed rail and Capitol Corridor, funding plan to expand regional light rail, streetcars and bus system, and opening of first Phase of "Green Line" light rail from Downtown to River District. Start Bike Sharing and/or Car Sharing program in Central City.



*Capitol Mall*

6. Implement action items from the Hospitality Zone Assessment Task Force to enhance the night-time economy, public safety and quality of life of nearby residents.
7. Design competition
8. Adopt balanced budget that doesn't compromise public safety or quality of life.
9. Open K Street to limited traffic; open new restaurants and clubs at 10th & K, and begin construction on more than 200 housing units, shops and restaurants on the 700 and 800 blocks of K Street.



*VIBE Student Volunteers*



*McKinley Rose Garden*

1. In 65th Street/Sac State Area, open an eLibrary at 67th and Folsom, construct landscaped bike/ped path on Elvas Ave, drinking fountain and rest area, completing Redding Avenue Bike and Pedestrian Improvement Project at 69th and Folsom/Q Streets, and updating plan for campus village and clean tech center southeast of CSUS.
2. Complete McKinley Park Rose Garden rehabilitation.
3. Adopt names for Central City Alleys.

**STEVE'S TOP 10 DISTRICT 3 PRIORITIES FOR 2011**

10. Equitable redistricting of Council districts incorporating 2010 Census.

4. Complete new basketball, bocce and other new facilities at Sutter's Landing Park.
5. Install street lighting in



*Pops in the Park June 2010*

- Midtown along J Street and near Sutter Hospital.
6. Stage 16th Annual Pops in the Park and 7th Annual Screen on the Green.
7. Complete construction and establish quiet zones on City's remaining 14 railroad crossings, including east/west UP line north of B Street and Elvas in Midtown and East Sac.
8. Work with community and newly elected School Board members to develop solution to the Sac High "Consent Decree".
9. Open VIBE afterschool lounge, a permanent safe place for teens to get tutoring, participate in healthy activities, and hang out in Central City.
10. Partner with community stakeholders to start replacement housing next to Mercy Hospital.

**Councilmember Cohn's Board Memberships for 2011**

- Capitol Corridor (Rail) Joint Powers Authority
- Downtown Riverfront Streetcar Policy Steering Committee
- Regional Human Rights/Fair Housing Commission (Alt)
- Sacramento Area Council of Governments
- Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (Vice Chair)
- Sacramento City/County 2X2
- Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission
- Sacramento Metro Air Quality Management District
- Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District
- Sacramento Regional Transit
- Sacramento Transportation Authority
- Midtown Business Association
- VIBE Foundation
- City Council Audit Committee, Chair
- City Council Law & Legislation Committee

# District 3

*Arden Fair, Ben Ali, Cal Expo, Campus Commons, Downtown, East Sacramento, Hagginwood, Mansion Flats, Midtown, Point West, River Park, Sacramento State, Sierra Oaks, Swanston Estates*

## 2011 Pops in the Park

**Saturday, June 4th**

**“Tom Rigney & Flambeau”**

McKinley Park, H Street  
between Alhambra & 33rd Street

**Saturday, June 11th**

**“The Q-Balls”**

Glenn Hall Park, Sandburg Drive & Carlson Drive

**Saturday, June 18th**

**“SwingMasters”**

Bertha Henschel Park, 45th Street & Brand Way  
*ESIA Sydney Pope & Onion Awards*

**Saturday, June 25th**

**Mercy Me**

East Portal Park, 51st & M Streets

*All Concerts begin at 6:00 p.m.*



## Screen on the Green

**Saturday, August 6th**

**Despicable Me**

Stanford Park, 28th & C Streets

**Saturday, August 13th**

**Shrek Forever After**

Hagginwood School Soccer Field  
1418 Palo Verde Avenue

**Saturday, August 20th**

**Secretariat**

East Portal Park, 51st & M Streets

**Saturday, August 27th**

**Toy Story (1995)**

Glenn Hall Park, Carlson Drive & Sandburg Drive

*All Movies begin at sundown*



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