



OFFICE OF
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM ANTHONY YOUNG
DISTRICT FOUR
NOVEMBER 21, 2007 WEEKLY UPDATE



*Have a Safe and Blessed
Thanksgiving Holiday!*



CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS:

On Monday, November 19, 2007 the San Diego City Council held a special evening meeting at the Mission Valley Church of the Nazarene to discuss and take actions related to the proliferation of mini-dorms in various communities.

On Tuesday, November 20, 2007 the San Diego City Council unanimously approved recommendations to appoint Dr. Shirley Weber and Alden Salcedo of the 4th District to the City of San Diego's Citizens Equal Opportunity Commission. They joined (eight) other appointees in agreeing to volunteer their time and efforts to monitor and/or evaluate the Equal Opportunity Program of the City and advise the Mayor, City Council, Civil Service Commission and other appropriate agencies of City government. I commend and thank them for their service to the citizens of San Diego.



On Tuesday, November 20, 2007 the San Diego City Council approved grant funding for faith-based “6 to 6” school programs in the amount of \$284,385. The 4th District’s St. Rita’s School is one of the six faith-based schools receiving funding. All “6 to 6” schools throughout the city are funded and operated through the San Diego Unified School District and the City Council has urged the school district to also apply for grant funding.

On Tuesday, November 20, 2007 the San Diego City Council unanimously adopted my Resolution to honor Julian Bond, Chairman of the NAACP and civil rights leader. Chairman Bond was in San Diego as the keynote speaker at UCSD’s three day celebration titled, “Reconsidering Little Rock: 50 Years After the Start of School Integration.” The integration of Central High School in Little Rock Arkansas in 1957 was a defining moment in the history of the civil rights movement. Over 1,000 military soldiers were used to escort (nine) African American students to school. The nation watched in shock and astonishment at what it required for a small group of students to go to school in essentially their own neighborhood. It changed the course of education in this country forever. UCSD is to be commended and congratulated for recognizing this historical event and comparing and contrasting where we are today.

The San Diego City Council will be in recess next week. Our next meeting will be December 3, 2007. Have a Happy and safe Thanksgiving. I wish you and your family joy and goodwill.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

The California Reinvestment Coalition has provided a list of key contacts for organizations who are helping consumers with mortgage difficulties (these contacts are not for individuals who are having difficulty with their mortgage, individuals needing assistance may contact a HUD-certified mortgage counselor).

For Nonprofit Groups: Key Loss Mitigation Contacts

- Bank of America (800) 846-2222
- Citibank Office of homeownership Preservation (866) 517-0820
- Countrywide’s Advocacy Team (877) 327-9225
(advocacy@countrywide.com)
- HSBC Mortgage Services (800) 365-6730
- JP Morgan Chase (866) 345-4676
(hpo.chase@chase.com)



- Wells Fargo Bank (866) 480-5004
- Wilshire Home Loan Services (HLS)
service loans for Merrill Lynch
- Wilshire Contact Information (888) 952-7339
- HLS Contact Information (800) 622-5035

If consumers have complaints about fraudulent broker or lender behavior, they can call:

- The Dept of Fair Employment & Housing (800) 233-3212
- The U.S. Dept of Housing & Urban Develop. (800) 669-9777

The Coalition of Neighborhood Councils (CNC) is asking your support for its 5th Annual Toys for Tots Holiday Extravaganza. This is an excellent opportunity to donate toys and gifts for children who need your hugs and kisses during the holiday season. Please call (619) 325-3580 for additional information and to give to this very worthy cause.

San Diego LISC has the 2007 NFL Youth Football Grassroots Program Request for Proposal. The NFL Grassroots Programs provides grants up to \$200,000 for capital improvement projects. In order to be eligible, projects must be sponsored by non-profit community-based organizations, or middle/high schools. In addition all organizations applying for funds must be located specifically and exclusively within NFL Target Markets and serve low to moderate income areas within those markets. Submissions are due by **November 30, 2007**. For more information please contact Joe Horiye at (619) 239-6691 or go to www.lisc.org/san_diego.

On Each year the City of San Diego's Environment Services Department conducts special community cleanup events in neighborhood throughout the City. Areas are selected for these events based upon citizen request, pledges of community involvement and previous citizen participation levels. Please feel free to call Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer Alejandro Alvarado at (858) 627-3317 if there are any questions regarding this cleanup event.

At the November 3, 2007 community clean-up held in the 4th District community of Mount Hope, a total of 16.73 tons of waste, 15.74 tons were non-recyclables and .99 tons of recyclable materials consisting of metals and appliances were collected. Community members, and the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department as well as Reynaldo Pisano, are commended for their assistance and support.



At the November 7, 2007 community clean-up held in the 4th District community of Valencia Park area, a total of 9.91 tons of waste, 8.72 tons were non-recyclables and 1.19 tons of recyclable materials consisting of metals and appliances were collected. Community members, and the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department as well as Reynaldo Pisano, are commended for their assistance and support.

Oak Park Library will be closed for approximately 2 weeks for re-carpeting, beginning Monday, November 26, 2007. As the branch is also closed for Thanksgiving furlough, it will close at 5:30pm on Wednesday, November 21, 2007, and not reopen until the completion of the carpeting project. The anticipated reopening date is Monday, December 10, 2007.

On November 29, 2007 the Paradise Hills Library will be celebrating their "Grand Re-opening" event. Improvements which include replacing the roof and carpet have been made possible through the allocation of CDBG funds. Please come and show your support for our local Library. For additional information, please contact Pat Fickling at (619) 527-3461 5922 or stop by at Rancho Hills Drive, San Diego, CA 92139.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can.

- George Bernard Shaw

I am in total agreement with him and I am very proud and thankful of the fact that residents throughout the 4th District also share this belief. Please join me or a member of my staff at the following Community Councils meeting this week:

Coalition of Neighborhood Council will meet Monday November 26, 2007 at the Jacobs Center, 5160 Federal Blvd. from 6:00-7:00pm; Staff: Jimmie Slack

Chollas View Neighborhood Council will meet Monday November 26, 2007 at the Tubman Chavez Center, 415 Euclid Avenue from 6:00-7:00pm; Staff: Liezl Mangonon



Southeastern Planning Committee will meet Monday November 26, 2007 be held at the Neighborhood House Association, 841 S. 41st Street from 7:00pm-8:00pm; Staff: Petrina Branch

Chollas Lake Recreation Council will meet Tuesday November 27, 2007 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 2755 55th Street from 7:00 pm-8:00 pm; Staff: Venus Molina

Willie Henderson Rec. Council will meet Tuesday November 27, 2007 at the Willie Henderson Rec. Council, 1035 S. 45th Street from 6:00pm -7:00pm; Staff: Lourdes Borboa

Encanto Neighborhood/Recreation Council will meet Wednesday November 28, 2007 at the Encanto Rec. Center, 6508 Wunderlin Drive from 6:30pm-7:30pm; Staff: Lourdes Borboa

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

“Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

—Dr. Martin Luther King

An opportunity for you to volunteer your services exists with the many City of San Diego Boards and Commissions.

Please visit the City's web site at www.sandiego.gov and view the many boards and commissions available for you to possibly serve on. You will find that several members' terms are expiring, who is responsible for nominating and appointing members, and what the terms and requirements for service are.

Please call Benelia Santos-Hunter at 236-6644 if you are interested in serving as a 4th District representative on a particular Board and/or Commission.



SAVE THIS DATE:

The 23rd Annual YMCA of San Diego County, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast “Living the Dream” will be held on Friday, January 18, 2008 at the Scottish Rite Center, this year’s breakfast will feature keynote speaker Dr. Shirley Weber. For more information please contact The Jackie Robinson YMCA at (619) 264-0144.

The 13th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dedication & Memorial Breakfast, presented by the United African American Ministerial Action Council, will be held on Monday, January 21, 2008 at 995 Gateway Center Way, Suite 302, San Diego, CA 92102. For more information, please contact UAAMAC at (619) 264-1213 or visit their website at <http://www.uaamac.com>.

The 20th Annual All Peoples Breakfast: Celebrating the Living Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be held at Golden Hall, which is located at the San Diego Concourse on Monday, January 21, 2008. The theme of this year’s breakfast is *The Harmonies of Liberty: Music that inspired the Movement*. The artist Odetta will be present.

THANK YOU.....for reading my E-mail Message for the Week. If you would like to receive this E-mail on a regular basis, please e-mail me at anthonyyoung@sandiego.gov .

