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We begin this first day of Black History Month on a very sad note, the passing away of Coretta Scott King. Mrs. King worked tirelessly alongside her husband, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., to spread the message of civil rights for all people, justice for all people and equality for all people. She founded the Martin Luther King Center for Nonviolent Social Change that serves as a living memorial and institutional guardian of Dr. King’s legacy. Coretta Scott King was living proof that beside every great man is a great woman. As we mourn the loss of this great woman, let us also celebrate her life and take comfort in the fact that she is resting in peace beside her beloved husband.

As an elected official and Councilman for the 4th District, I value the opportunity to receive input and feedback from community leaders and residents. On Saturday, January 28th I had the pleasure of meeting with 4th District Community Council Presidents, Officers and community members at the quarterly meeting of the Coalition of Neighborhood Council’s Chair’s and Officers Breakfast. I commend and thank Barbara Howard, Dwayne Crenshaw and all those in attendance for providing me an opportunity to share information about City government, 4th District initiatives, and to hear their concerns and ideas about how we can continue to improve the 4th District.

On Saturday, January 28th, I joined with over two hundred concerned youth, parents and community members in a march from Jackie Robinson YMCA to Greenwood Memorial Park. The march was designed to demonstrate to youth that the only path gang involvement leads to is death, both physical death and mental death through incarceration. Following the March, Jackie Robinson YMCA hosted various events to enforce the message to youth and young adults that there are many positive alternatives to gang involvement. I can not emphasize strongly enough how valuable it is for efforts such as these. We can not afford to be complacent and allow another generation of youth to lose hope and feel that gang life is their only way of feeling that they are part of a family and/or society.

On Monday, February 6, 2006 the Greater Skyline Hills Community Association will host an important community meeting to hear about the status of the new Skyline Hills Library. The meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. at Morse High School, 6905 Skyline Drive, in Room 806. I urge you to come out to learn about the status of this important project. If you have any questions, please contact Petrina Burnham in my office at (619) 236-6644.

Under the auspices of my 21st Century Community Initiative, I will be hosting a community clean-up in the 4th District community of Paradise Hills on Saturday February 11, 2006. This Initiative consists of ongoing efforts in various communities that are designed to assist residents in keeping their neighborhoods and communities clean. Community clean-ups are scheduled for other communities in the 4th District throughout the year. If you need additional information please contact my office at (619) 236-6644.

One of the many events celebrating Black History Month, is the City of San Diego's Public Library screening of the documentary film "Freedom On My Mind" on Sunday February 5th at 2:00 pm. at the 3rd floor auditorium, 820 E Street. This academy award nominated film tells the story of the Mississippi freedom movement and efforts to register African American voters in the early 1960's.

I will be making my State of the 4th District address on Friday, February 24, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Educational Cultural Complex and include a reception held after the State of the District address. I look forward to you joining me.

Again, my thanks go out to you for supporting me in my efforts to make this City and the 4th District a better place to live, work, and raise a family

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