



**CITY OF SAN DIEGO
OFFICE OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM ANTHONY YOUNG**



WEEKLY UPDATE OCTOBER 17, 2006

City Council Actions

**Today, I will be adjourning the Council meeting in memory of 4th
District City Councilman, Reverend George L. Stevens.**

Councilman Stevens passed away yesterday at the age of 74.

I send my sincerest condolences to his wife, Brenda; --his children Gary, Michelle, Marcus and Eric, and his grandchildren and family members. Everyone knows that George was an exceptional champion for improving the quality of life of the City and 4th District residents.

Seniors loved him and the George Stevens Senior Center is a shining example of that love.

Youth loved him and another shining example of that love is the Malcolm X Library and the many youth programs in our park and recreation centers.

Families loved him for his never-ending support of family values and the role of the church in the community

Business and government leaders loved him and admired him for his no nonsense approach to fighting for diversity and minority representation on programs, services, and contracts.

Yes, we all loved him for his commitment to public service as demonstrated by his service to his country as a member of the Army, Senior aide to a US Congressman and State Assembly member, and most important his invaluable service and contributions as an elected Councilman for City of San Diego's 4th District.

This may surprise some of you, but Councilman Stevens was also a team player.

A team player" is one who unites others toward a shared destiny through sharing information and ideas, empowering others and developing trust."

Reverend George L. Stevens united the community toward a shared destiny of reducing crime, improving the neighborhoods, and eliminating the stereotype of the 4th District being a group of neighborhoods less than any other neighborhoods and communities in the City.

George shared information and ideas with government, business, and community leaders that helped improve both the city and District.

George empowered many individuals and organizations to improve themselves and/or the services they provided.

George developed trust as so visibly evidenced by the residents expressing their trust in him by overwhelmingly voting him into office to serve two terms as San Diego City Councilman.

Reverend George L Stevens, 4th District Councilman will be greatly missed, will remain in our hearts forever, and is now in the arms of the Man he entrusted all his decisions in life to... he is in the arms of God.

Anderson-Ragsdale Mortuary is handling funeral arrangements for the family. Reverend Stevens will Lie in State on Monday October 23rd from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. At Mt. Erie Baptist Church, 511 S. 47th Street.

Funeral Services will be held Tuesday, October 24th 2006 at 1:00 p.m at Bayview Baptist Church, 6126 Benson Avenue.

You May Want To Know...

Volunteering has been defined as “Doing more than you have to, because you want to, in a cause you consider good.” 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.

I am pleased and proud to convey my congratulations to Daniel Millan.

Daniel is a 6th grade student at Walter J Porter Elementary School. Daniel won a county-wide essay contest sponsored by the San Diego County Commission on Children, Youth and Families. Daniel wrote an outstanding essay titled “What It’s Like To Be Me.” He will be honored on Thursday, October 19th 2006 at the Commission’s 20th Anniversary Celebration held at the Kroc Community Center, 6845 University Avenue. The program starts at 8:30 am.

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather and 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.