



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



WEEKLY UPDATE NOVEMBER 21, 2006

City Council Actions

On Monday, November 20th the City Council requested the Mayor to provide them with a resolution to funding the “Take Back the Streets” program. This program employs able bodied homeless individuals to clear out weeds, clean up areas of the city where illegal dumping is taking place, and provide property clean-up assistance for low-income residents. The Council allocated funds for this service during budget deliberations. However, before this program can be implemented, we must ensure we are not violating any union agreements with our city employees.

I am concerned about the trashy condition of this City. I am sure each Councilperson can cite examples in his /her Districts where they would like to see weeds removed, trash alongside hillsides, canyons, and streets cleaned up, and graffiti removed. I want to support funding services that accomplish this goal.

Employment services for the homeless are important. However, targeted employment services which can provide a dual function is ideal. Such as the “Take Back the Streets” program which employs homeless to help clean our city. I encouraged the Mayor to find a way to fund this service with the assistance and cooperation of city employees, if required.

Again, I want to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve as City Councilman for the 4th District. I am cordially inviting you to the

Inauguration Ceremony of the Sixty-sixth City Council of the City of San Diego. Please join Councilmember's Kevin Faulconer, Ben Hueso, Donna Frye and myself on Monday, December 4, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. as we are sworn in as members of the 66th class of City Council members to serve the City of San Diego. The ceremonies will be held in Golden Hall at 202 C Street and will be immediately followed by a reception. I hope you can join me and give me the opportunity to thank you in person for your support.

Today, at my request, the City Council proclaimed November 21, 2006 to be "Kristen Paruginog Day" in the City of San Diego. I presented this resolution to Kristen, a 4th District resident and youngest recipient of a resolution from the City Council, in honor and recognition of her outstanding volunteer efforts in the community. Kristen is 17 and a senior at Helix Charter High School. She was chosen as San Diego's Outstanding Teen 2006. Among her many volunteer efforts are delivering Christmas cards to patients at convalescence homes, performing song and dance at women's shelters, assisting with food drives for the homeless, assisting with community blood drives, and serving as keynote speaker at the National and Global Youth Service Day, Promoting Volunteerism. I am proud of Kristen's volunteer spirit and I commend and congratulate her parents for raising an outstanding daughter and future leader.

You May Want To Know...

I have strongly advocated for individuals and organizations who are interested in providing arts and cultural type activities to residents and communities of the 4th District and throughout the city, to apply for City support through the Commission for Arts and Culture. On Tuesday November 28, 2006 the Commission will be providing a technical assistance workshop on applying for City funds to support your program/activity. This workshop will be held from 3-5 pm at 5160 Federal Boulevard. A second workshop will be held on Thursday, November 30th from 3-5 pm at 1010 Second Avenue, 5th floor. Funds are used to support annual celebrations, festivals, parades, community art projects and other creative endeavors that benefit and enrich the lives of San Diego residents and visitors. A letter of intent to apply for these funds is due December 1, 2006 and the deadline to submit applications is January 5, 2007. Please visit www.sandiego.gov/arts-culture for guidelines and application or call Felicia Shaw at 533-3063 for additional information.

The newly created Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention will begin its Listening Tour on Monday, November 27, 2006 at the Presbyterian Church 2691 B Street. You are invited to participate in this event. The commission is seeking to hear from youth and adults about issues and concerns they have about growing up safe in San Diego. The event starts at 6:00 pm.

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.

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather and have a blessed Thanksgiving with family, friends, and loved ones.

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.

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