



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



WEEKLY UPDATE NOVEMBER 29, 2006

City Council Actions

On Tuesday, November 28th, the Council approved recommendations that would ban large retail stores (commonly known as “super stores”) from locating in San Diego. Some people believe that this action was aimed specifically at Wal Mart. I want to make it very clear that I am not against Wal Mart opening up regular sized stores in the city or people shopping at Wal Mart. However, I was very concerned about superstores that require at least 200,000 square foot of space or acres of land to build on and their impact on traffic, street infrastructure, small businesses, and quality of life of the surrounding neighborhoods. Also of concern to me was the possibility that stores of this size and nature would not pay livable wages and benefits to a majority of its employees. The City has limited land available for commercial development. It is imperative that we make wise decisions regarding its use and that decisions are made in the best interest of San Diego as a whole. I am sure there will be continuing discussions regarding this issue. However, as a supporter of both Mayor Sanders recommendations and of Councilman Hueso’s recommendations on this issue, I will always keep the best interest of all of San Diego in mind when this issue comes before the Council.

I commend and thank Council President Peters and my colleagues for appointing me to a second term as Council President Pro Tem and showing confidence in my abilities to help lead this city and Council.

I look forward to working with the Council, Mayor and the citizens of my District and throughout the city to resolve the many fiscal issues facing this city while maintaining quality city services.

Maintaining public safety and neighborhood quality of life such as parks, libraries, streets and infrastructure improvements are priorities for me and this Council. I was also appointed to the City Council's Rules Committee, Land Use and Housing Committee, and Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee. These committee assignments will provide me many opportunities to fully engage these priorities with the public and the Mayor's management staff.

The City Council unanimously approved my motion for a Disposition and Development Agreement with Pacific Development Partners to develop Valencia Business Park located on Imperial Avenue. This 4 acre site that has been vacant since I was a child. Development of this site will bring jobs and businesses to the community. It is another step in my efforts and the efforts of the late Councilman Charles Lewis to develop the Imperial Avenue corridor and usher in a new era of renaissance to the community. I commend and thank SEDC and Pacific Development Partners for their efforts in helping make this community renaissance a reality.

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.

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 Thursday November 30, 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 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 Coalition of Neighborhood Council's (CNC) Health and Helmet Safety Fair is this Saturday, December 2nd from 10 am to 1 pm at the Tubman-Chavez Multicultural Center. As part of this event for the 4th District community, they will be giving away over 500 free bicycle helmets, provided by Kaiser Permanente, in sizes for youth of all ages. The helmets will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Health and Helmet Safety Fair will also include free food, entertainment and informational booths and health screenings from more than 15 community and health resource agencies. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Rodrigo Pacheco-McEvoy in the CNC office at (619) 325-3580.

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 Holiday Season with family, friends, and loved ones.

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