



CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE
DISTRICT FOUR

FEBRUARY 6, 2009 WEEKLY UPDATE



Councilman Young with elected officials at the Budget and Finance Committee meeting at the Joe & Vi Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation on February 4, 2009

COUNCIL ACTIONS: COUNCILMAN YOUNG LAUNCHES “SAN DIEGO SPEAKS” PUBLIC INPUT ON CITY BUDGET PRIORITIES

“San Diego Speaks” is for you! In recognition of the City’s budget deficit of over \$50 million in 2009 and if economic trends continue, over \$100 million in 2010, I called for the public to come before the Budget and Finance Committee and tell the City Council what city services are a priority to you, what ideas you have for cost savings in city services, what city services you could possibly do with less of, and what city services you may be willing to pay for. I was pleased that over 150 people attended the joint City Council/ Budget and Finance Committee meeting held in District 4 on February 4th. Please visit www.sandiego.gov/budgetandfinance for additional information on community meetings being held near you and take the San Diego Speaks Survey on City budget priorities. You can also call the [San Diego Speaks Hotline](tel:6192366934) at [\(619\) 236-6934](tel:6192366934) and make your suggestions.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW

Valencia Park Center For Academics, Drama & Dance’s Production Of Seussical Jr. will be held of February 5, 6 & 7, 2009 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Valencia Park Theatre (5880 Skyline Drive). Tickets on sale at the door. For more information please contact Mrs. Ang at tang@sandi.net or call (619) 264-0125 ext. 3022.



27th Annual Chinese New Year Food and Cultural Fair hosted by the San Diego Chinese Center! 2009 Year of the Ox will be held on Saturday, February 7th and Sunday, February 8, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Third Avenue and J Street (in downtown San Diego's Asian Pacific Thematic Historic District) Free Admission! For more information, call (619) 398-7025 or check www.sdcny.org for updates.

The Fourth District Seniors Resource Center invites you to celebrate "A Black History Salute & Valentine's Day Celebration" on Friday, February 13, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the George L. Stevens Senior Center (570 S. 65th Street). Planned Activities include: black history table display, open mike testimonials, dancing, heavy appetizers and beverages, door prizes and raffles and loads of fun. For more information please call (619) 266-2066.

Miss Metro and Miss Teen Metro San Diego 2009 Scholarship Pageant! No Entry fee! Scholarship Prize! Diamond Earrings and Numerous Gifts! Do you consider yourself or know a young woman who can effectively represent her community? Young Ladies must be between the ages of 14-16 years for Miss Teen Metro and 17-23 years for Miss Metro. They must also reside in one of the following zip codes: 92101, 92102, 92113, 92114 or 92139. If you have what it takes or know someone who does please call Miss Barbara at (858) 831-1903.

The San Diego Foundation and Alliance Healthcare Foundation have been engaged in a comprehensive analysis of existing health data and interviews with key stakeholders to identify the top health issues in the PVH service area. At this point in the process, you are invited to share your perspective on the key findings from this analysis, so that we may understand which health-related issues you deem to be of highest priority.

There will be two community forums and you are invited to attend at the location most convenient for you. A light dinner will be served. Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center (140 East 12th Street) from 5:30PM - 7:30PM and Thursday, February 12, 2009 at Bayview Baptist Church in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Christian Center (6126 Benson Avenue) from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please RSVP by Thursday, February 5th to pvhfund@sdfoundation.org or by calling (619) 280-9266.

Apply now for the San Diego Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation 2009 Scholarships for graduating high school seniors in the San Diego City Schools/San Diego Unified School District. Three Scholarships Available! **Two scholarships for \$7,500.00 each! One scholarship for \$5,000.00!** Scholarships can be used at any four-year, fully accredited college of recipient's choice. **Application deadline: March 31, 2009.** Over \$280,000 in scholarships awarded, to date! Application available online at: www.Carterreese.com; click on community service or, see your high school counselor. For further questions please call Mary Hubbard at (619) 463-1702.

The Public Art Program for the Port of San Diego is seeking artists to participate in its

sixth “Urban Trees” temporary sculpture exhibit. The exhibit offers participating artists a unique opportunity to showcase original sculptural work adjacent to the unparalleled beauty of San Diego Bay. For more information please call (619) 686-7246 or visit portofsandiego.org/public-art.

The City of San Diego Water Department has scheduled a series of workshops to help prepare the public for potential cuts to water supplies. The Department is staging the workshops to discuss and take input on how water allocations for City water customers are developed. The workshops called by the Mayor will provide San Diegans with the opportunity to learn more and to have their questions about the development of the methodology for water allocations answered by City staff.

The workshops are scheduled at the following dates and locations:

-Monday, February 9, 2009, 6:00-7:30 pm
Otay Mesa -Nestor Branch Library
3003 Coronado Avenue
San Diego, CA 92154

-Tuesday, February 10, 2009, 6:00-7:30 pm
Rancho Peñasquitos Branch Library
13330 Salmon River Road
San Diego, CA 92129

-Thursday, February 12, 2009, 6:00-7:30 pm
Balboa Park– War Memorial Building, Rm. 3
2125 Park Blvd.
San Diego, CA 92101

LISC MetLife Foundation Community-Police Partnership Awards The awards provide grants and recognition to exemplary partnerships between police agencies, CDCs and other community organizations to reduce crime and strengthen neighborhoods. The 2009 Metlife Awards RFP are due February 27, 2009. Please note this is a highly competitive application process, applicants from previous rounds are encouraged to re-apply for the 2009 round. If you have any questions and for more information please visit www.lisc.org/metlife or csi@lisc.org.

HOMEOWNERS! Councilman Tony Young’s Neighborhood Fight Against Crime in conjunction with CDBG and HUD has funded a project in which you may qualify for the inspection and installation of security devices such as: security screen doors, motion sensor lights, wide angle viewers, minor repairs, deadbolt locks, dusk to dawn lights, sliding door locks, window locks, fire extinguishers and carbon monoxide/smoke detectors FREE OF CHARGE. All interested homeowners living in the 4th City Council District please contact San Diego-Imperial



Counties Labor Council, Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at (619) 283-5411 ext. 109.

Teachers Use Art to Educate Children on Water Conservation The City of San Diego Water Department's Ninth Annual Water Conservation Poster Contest! The contest is designed to help all public, private, and home-school teachers use art to teach their students about the benefits of water conservation. The Water Department will accept contest entries through Wednesday, March 25, 2009. Additional information about the Annual Water Conservation Poster Contest, entry form and free activity book are available online at www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation. For more information, call the City of San Diego Water Department at (619) 533-5312.

The Grand Parent's Connection! Grand Parent's Connection is a group of grand parents, offering support for grandparents or relatives, who are raising children under the age of 18. The group offers open discussion, and guest speakers who focus on issues affecting grandparents of other relatives who are raising children with information on resources available on their communities. They meet Thursday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Tubman Chavez Center (415 N Euclid Avenue). For more information please call Shearl Lambert at (619) 931-9548 or email her at shearl2530@sbcglobal.net.

San Diego Home Loan Counseling and Education Center Home Buying Counseling Services Counselors are ready to assist you in budget counseling, reviewing the home buying process, explaining various loan programs, pre-qualification services, referral, and development of a written home buying plan of action. For more information contact (619) 624-2330 or www.sdhomeloan.org.

STREET SWEEPING INFORMATION

Street Sweeping provides two primary benefits to the City. The more obvious benefit is the collection and removal of paper, leaves, and other visible debris that collect in the gutters. This debris can block storm water facilities, causing localized flooding during heavy rains. An equally important, but less visible benefit is the removal of metal particles and other hazardous waste products left by passing vehicles. For more information regarding Street Sweeping please call (619) 527-3482 or visit www.sandiego.gov/street-div/strsweep.shtml.

GRAFFITI INFORMATION

ONE-STOP

City of San Diego Graffiti Control Hotline: (619) 525-8522

GRAFFITI REPORTING

San Diego Police Department: (619) 531-2000

Graffiti Strike Force: (619) 515-2754

Email Pictures to Police Officer Oscar Amado: oamado@pd.sandiego.gov

Online Reporting Form: www.sandiego.gov/graffiti

GRAFFITI REMOVAL CONTACTS-*Know the exact location of the graffiti!*

- Urban Corps Graffiti Hotline: (800) 829-6884
- Cal-Trans (graffiti along state highways/freeways): (858) 467-4042
- If graffiti is not removed within 48 hours call Diane Valdez: (858) 467-4009
- Online Reporting Form: www.dot.ca.gov/maintform
- SDG&E: (800) 411-7343
- Cox Cable: (619) 263-9251
- U.S. Postal Service: (800) 275-8777
- City Traffic Signs: (619) 527-7500
- Traffic Signal Control Boxes: (619) 527-7500

GRAFFITI REMOVAL SUPPLIES

- “Paint Bank”- Free recycled paint and supplies: (619) 527-5419
- Appointments Monday, Wednesday, Friday- 9:30-1:30 p.m.
- Project CLEAN- Linda Pennington (City Heights only): (619) 563-4014
- Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association-Jose Lopez: (619) 282-2788
- Paint, rollers, brushes, 4 basic paint colors

CITY RESPONSE TIMES FOR GRAFFITI REMOVAL

- Public right-of-way/City-owned property: 4 days
- Private property-responsibility of owner: depends on owner

OTHER CITY RESOURCES

- Household Hazardous Waste Disposal: (858) 694-7000

4TH DISTRICT COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP INFORMATION ONLY: PLEASE CALL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT OFFICERS FOR LOCATIONS!!!

Community Clean-ups are continuing to be held throughout the 4th District.

I commend, thank, and congratulate the many community volunteers, city staff, non-profit organizations and EDCO Waste & Recycling Services that assist in these efforts. Keeping our communities clean and free of debris is an ongoing effort we all must continue to be involved in. Special community cleanup events areas are selected based upon citizen requests, 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 you would like to request a clean-up in your area and/or if you have questions.

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:

Southeastern Planning Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, February 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Neighborhood House Association (Bruce Williams staffs this meeting)

Jamacha Community Council Meeting will be held on Monday, February 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 7210 Lisbon Street (Venus Molina staffs this meeting)

Emerald Hills Town Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at Johnson Elementary School, 1355 Kelton Road (Roosevelt Williams staffs this meeting)

Knox/Lincoln Park Town Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at Knox Elementary School, 1098 S. 49th Street (Liezl Mangonon staffs this meeting)

Eastern Area Planning Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 2755 55th Street (Bruce Williams staffs this meeting)

Mountain View Park Rec. Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Mt. View Park, 641 Boundary Street (Roosevelt Williams staffs this meeting)

Skyline/Paradise Hills Planning Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Paradise Hills Rec. Center, 6610 Potomac Street (Bruce Williams staffs this meeting)

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. **The San Diego Youth Commission is searching for two District Four youth ages 14-22 to sit on their board as Commissioners!** Commissioners advise and provide recommendations to the City Council on pertinent issues to youths. They meet monthly to work on common goals, devise plans, and create policies important to young San Diegans. In addition, the Youth Commission will have the opportunity to develop their own policy agenda and review issues sent to them by the City Council. The San Diego Youth Commission offers youths the opportunity to see first

hand how government works and it allows youths to represent themselves and their peers in a positive manner. The Commission is also a fantastic opportunity to bring together young people from various ethnic, socio-economic, and geographic backgrounds to debate issues, create meaningful policies and learn more about other communities in San Diego. For more information or to apply as a Commissioner of the San Diego Youth Commission please contact Jasmine Holt at (619) 236-6644 or jdholt@sandiego.gov.

SAVE THIS DATE:

Diversity Day Fair! Diversity Health & Career Fair All In One! Thursday, February 19, 2009 at the Joe and Vi Jacobs Community Center (404 Euclid Ave.) from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Project Employment! Dress code is business attire! Dress to impress and bring plenty of resumes, pens, and your winning smile! For more information please call (619) 277-9099 or visit www.diversitysolutions.us.

The 18th Annual Heritage Day Parade and Festival in celebration of Black History month will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2009, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This year's theme "Your Bridge to Change" will highlight the many individuals and organizations that have addressed community issues and initiated positive change in San Diego's diverse neighborhoods. Following the parade, participants are invited to enjoy free entertainment and activities located in the Market Creek Plaza Amphitheater, 342 Euclid Ave., 92114 in Southeast San Diego. The festival offers a variety of cultural entertainment, food booths, a children zone, vendors and many informative community resources. There are a number of ways to get involved and we would love to hear from you. If you are interested, please call (619) 262-0334 or visit www.heritagedayparade.org.

The San Diego Police Foundation invites you to participate in their Inside SDPD program on Saturday, February 28, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Miramar College. Ever been stopped by a cop? For an officer, even a routine vehicle stop is potentially life-threatening. If you have not yet attended Inside SDPD, or have a friend who might enjoy a behind-the-scenes opportunity, join us for this interactive program! For more information please call (858) 453-5060 or email info@sdpolicefoundation.org.

You are Cordially Invited to Attend GCMS 2nd Annual Washington, D.C. Gala on Sunday, March 1, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Jacobs Celebration Hall (404 Euclid Ave.). Join us for an evening of live jazz provided by local San Diego artist Rob Thorensen, silent auction, wine tasting, dinner, and keynote speech by Constance Carroll. For more information, please visit http://gomperscharter.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=61466&type=d&termREC_ID=&id=4&rn=2888774.



The 51st Annual Ebony Fashion Fair presents The Runway Report 2009! Saturday, April 11, 2009 at the Joe and Vi Jacobs Center (404 Euclid Ave.) Social hour: 11:00 a.m., Luncheon: 12:00 p.m. and the Fashion show begins at 1:30 p.m. San Diego is about to get fierce! The world's largest traveling fashion show is back, featuring the hottest looks from the top designers on the industry. Don't miss this high-energy production filled with memorable special effects, hip-hop and R&B music, and all the entertainment of a Broadway show. For more information about the Ebony Fashion Fair, visit www.ebonyfashionfair.com or call (619) 263-2302.

Free New Books For Kids! Reading Literacy Learning, Inc. presents the 25th Annual Children's Book Party 2009! All children are welcome Saturday, April 25, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park. Admission is free. Children will receive free new books, entertainment and refreshments. For more information please call Roosevelt Brown at (619) 266-4118.

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.

