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Happy New Year!

Thank you for taking the time to read The Emerald News! Let me start this issue out by wishing you a very **Happy New Year!**

I am looking forward to continuing my mission to empower constituents to improve their quality of life, economy, and neighborhoods through the effective use of a responsive, transparent, and trustworthy city government.

As your councilmember, my goals for 2014 will be to continue to 1. provide safe neighborhoods, 2. empower people, 3. deliver resources, 4. create economic opportunity, and 5. promote trust in government.



Councilmember Emerald recently recognized San Diego Police Department helo pilot Kevin Means for his 31 years of service.

I know that 2014 will bring amazing opportunities for our district. But my staff and I can't do it alone- we need your support! Please join Team Emerald by reporting potholes, graffiti, damaged street signs, and non-working streetlights around your neighborhood. Council representatives will also be available at your community meetings to hear about additional city-related concerns and help find ways to make our neighborhoods better.

We can always be reached at (619) 236-6699.

Thanks, Marti

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Public Safety

Over the past several years and through two mayors, our Police Department's budget has been reduced in many critical areas, including personnel and equipment. I am proud to share with you that the council recently voted to approve the Police Department's Five-Year Plan Update. The update will begin the process of re-building the Police Department and will help create safer neighborhoods throughout the city. This plan will restore sworn staffing levels to Fiscal Year 2009 budget levels, restore high priority civilian positions, and fund necessary operating equipment like the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system.

The Council's Infrastructure Committee also recently approved a \$120 million bond plan which will help fund much needed projects that will support our Fire-Rescue Department and help shorten response times. This plan includes renovating fire stations in City Heights and begins the process of finding locations for additional stations. It is expected to be presented to the full council for consideration in January, 2014.



Bicycle Master Plan Update

My colleagues and I recently voted to approve San Diego's Bicycle Master Plan Update. This is a huge victory for the bike community in District 9 and throughout the city. It is another step towards improving the safety of pedestrians, cyclist, and drivers in our city. The Plan serves as a policy document to guide the development and maintenance of San Diego's bicycle network over the next 20 years. The goals and objectives for the Plan are to:



- 1) Have a city where bicycling is a viable travel choice particularly for trips of less than five miles
- 2) Create a safe and comprehensive local and regional bikeway network, and
- 3) Improve environmental quality, public health, recreation, and mobility benefits through increased bicycling.

Lunch for Seniors



My staff and I had a great time serving lunch at the Gary and Mary West Senior Wellness Center in downtown. During this event I learned that healthy meals are also available in our district at Potiker City Heights Residence, located at 4065 43rd St., San Diego. Nominal donations for meals are accepted, but no one will be sent away if unable to pay. Lunches are served Monday-Friday 12-1pm and reservations in advance are strongly recommended. To make a reservation, contact Ronda Scott, HDM Coordinator, at (619) 487-0707.

January Community Events

Wednesday, January 15, 2014 – The **State of the City Address** will be given at 6:00 pm at the Balboa Theater in Horton Plaza. Guests are asked to arrive early for seating.

Tuesday, January 21, 2014—The **Battle of the Badges Blood Drive** will be held at the Mid—City San Diego Police Station at 4310 Landis St. from 12:00 —6:00 pm. All participants will receive a FREE thank you gift.

Saturday, January 25, 2014 to February 9, 2014 - the Nhu Lai Meditation Temple is hosting the **Jade Buddha for Universal Peace event**. The Jade Buddha for Universal Peace is the largest Buddha carved from gemstone quality jade in the world. This Buddha was chosen because it is universally recognized by all Buddhists. The Nhu Lai Temple is located at 3340 Central Ave, San Diego, CA 92105

*If you would like to request to include an event from your community in the community events section, please send details about the event to Ralph Dimarucut at DimarucutR@SanDiego.gov.

Marti in the District



Councilmember Emerald recently presented a check to Kensington at their holiday tree lighting event to help repair and improve their playground.



Councilmember Emerald officiated the swearing-in ceremony for the elected student council at Clay Elementary. The future is in good hands.



Councilmember Emerald joined Councilmember David Alvarez and the Padres at Fire Station 17/Local 145's annual turkey giveaway.

INTERNSHIPS

San Diego City Councilmember Emerald's office is currently accepting applications from motivated high school and college students looking to gain experience interning for an elected official.

Interested applicants should e-mail Julio Rivera a cover letter, résumé and at least one letter of recommendation, along with a brief writing sample, to jcrivera@saniego.gov. Please feel free to call (619) 236-6725 with any questions.