



**CITY OF SAN DIEGO
OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER ANTHONY YOUNG**



UPDATE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 22, 2005

As you know, there are several efforts I have begun under the auspices of my 21st Century Community Initiative. One of these efforts is to keep the community informed about issues that impact the community and about events that impact the community. **On Saturday, August 27, 2005 I will be hosting a Back To School Conference and Festival.** Joining me in hosting this event is School Board Trustee, Sheila Jackson, PAZAZZ, C.P.I.E. and the Jackie Robinson YMCA. This will be a great opportunity for parents, youth, educators, and community leaders to start this school year by working together toward a common goal of ensuring our youth prosper academically in school and do so in a safe and healthy environment. Please join us at the Educational Cultural Complex at 9:00 a.m. for the conference and continuing at 2:00 p.m at the Jackie Robinson YMCA for the fun festival. We are requesting donations in the form of school supplies for the youth (back packs, notebooks, calculators, pens and pencils, etc.) Please contact Derrick White for donations (619) 236-6644.

As you know, the pension issue continues to be the primary issue this Council is addressing. **On Tuesday August 30, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the Malcolm X Library, I will be hosting a community forum on the City's pension crisis.** Joining me at the forum making presentations and answering the community's questions about the \$1.4 Billion pension crisis will be **Lamont Ewell, City Manager, Peter Prevolos, President of the San Diego City Employees Retirement System Board, and Larry Grissom, Administrator of the City's Retirement System.** I cannot emphasize enough how pleased I am that these individuals accepted my invitation to come to the 4th District and discuss the city's pension crisis. This is an opportunity for citizens to hear from the individuals directly involved in helping to resolve an issue that is threatening to have a historic and devastating impact on the provision of city services. As I have so often stated, a 21st Century Community is one in which its residents are well informed. This is an opportunity for you to hear and learn about the pension crisis without it being filtered through the electronic and print media. The panel will be discussing how we got into this crisis and what it will take to get us out of it.

I have nominated Bishop Roy Dixon to serve on the San Diego City Employees Retirement System Board. He has extensive experience as a corporate executive and has owned and operated several restaurants and (14) Franchises. He holds the distinguished positions of Director Emeritus of both the San Diego Restaurant Association and the California Restaurant Association. He has served as President of the San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau, Chairman of the San Diego County Civil Service Commission, San Diego City Council Select Committee For Government Efficiency and Fiscal Reform, and is a Lifetime Director of the Holiday Bowl.

Bishop Roy Dixon has an excellent record of volunteerism and has given his time and energy to helping the government sector of San Diego County and the San Diego business community provide efficient and effective services to the people. It is my belief that this City and particularly the San Diego City Employee's Retirement System Board need the services of a person such as Roy Dixon. This board has become one of the most controversial boards in the City's history. However, as he has so admirably demonstrated on the many boards and commissions he has served on, Bishop Roy Dixon will put the best interest of the people of San Diego first and always.

I am also inviting you to participate in **a Community Coalition meeting to be held on Monday, August 29, 2005, 6:00 p.m. at the Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street.**

The purpose of the meeting is to inform you of my efforts in creating a **City of San Diego Commission on Gang Prevention & Intervention**; to receive community input as to the goals and objectives of the "Commission"; and to inspire a more strategic and enhanced collaboration between social service providers that provide gang prevention and intervention services, parents, public safety agencies, and the faith based community.

The Council remains in recess until September 6, 2005. However, I and my fellow Council members will continue to work on the issues that impact the health, welfare and quality of, life of this great city.

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