



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



***WEEKLY UPDATE OCTOBER 18, 2005***

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**On Monday, October 17, the City Council formally approved the framework for implementing the new Council-Mayor form of government.** This historic beginning is a result of the voters changing the City Charter to require the City to change from a Council-Manager form of government to a Council-Mayor form of government for a (5) year trial basis beginning January 1, 2005. The Council approved an ordinance which eliminated the City Manager position and authority over all city departments and placed the departments under the authority and management of the Mayor’s office. An ordinance was also approved to create an Independent Budget Analyst office. This office is under the authority and management of the City Council and has as its main function the review and analysis of the Mayor’s budget and any legislative and/or budget proposals presented by the Mayor and Council. We also created the office of Council President. A Councilperson selected by the Council will serve a term of one year and preside over all Council meetings. As of January 1, 2006 the Mayor will no longer serve on the City Council or have a vote on the Council. We established (5) Council committees. They are the Committee on Rules, Open Government and Intergovernmental Relations; Committee on Land Use and Housing; Committee on Natural Resources and Culture; Committee on Public safety and Neighborhood Services; and the Committee on Budget and Finance.

There remains some fine tuning to be done. The new Mayor will have the sole discretion to structure his /her administration and city departments. I look forward to working with the new Mayor in this bold and historic new beginning for City government. I look forward to continuing input from the citizens of San Diego as we proceed with developing and implementing legislative strategies that will keep this City moving forward into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and out of the fiscal quagmire I have inherited and that we currently find ourselves in.

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My office in collaboration with the 4<sup>th</sup> Council District Youth Advisory Board and the Malcolm X Library is presenting SAT Prep Month. **SAT workshops for grades 9-12 are being held on October 20th and October 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-8:00 pm at the Malcolm X**

**Library.** Registration is required and seating is limited. To RSVP please call (619) 527-3405 or Derrick White of my staff at (619) 236-6644.

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**The Red Cross will be closing the Family Assistance Center effective Friday October 21, 2005.**

All agencies that were at the Center will continue to provide services to Hurricane Katrina and Rita evacuees via referrals from the Red Cross and other agencies. The Red Cross is to be commended for coordinating agencies from throughout San Diego County to provide services and assistance to over 2,500 evacuees. My congratulations and thanks to all the agencies and volunteers who helped to make San Diego an excellent example to the nation on how to treat victims of disasters with dignity and respect while also helping them to stabilize their lives.

Unfortunately, there is an on-going need for assistance. I hope and trust you will continue to give your all and volunteer where needed to ensure that the evacuees residing here in San Diego stabilize their lives and begin moving towards a quality of life we all so richly deserve.

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**It is unfortunate that I announce the temporary closure of the Tubman Chavez Center.**

The operator of the Center, The Focus Project, experienced serious financial difficulties and indicated to my office and the City that they were terminating their lease to operate the facility effective October 7, 2005. I was very disappointed at the condition the Focus Project left the facility in. However, my office has taken the lead in getting the facility cleaned, landscaped, and in excellent operating condition for the next operator. A Request for Proposal will be released soon. We are seeking an operator who is a viable and fiscally sound agency that will operate the Tubman Chavez Center in a manner that ensures users of the Center have a first class facility in which to host events and activities.

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**Three proposals for artwork located on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Freeway will be unveiled to the public for the first time for review and comment.**

This public review will take place on Tuesday October 18, 2005 from 5:30-8:00 pm at KGTV Channel 10 studios located at 4600 Airway (47<sup>th</sup> and Airway). This project is sponsored by the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture and California Transportation Department.

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