



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



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The City Council is in recess this week.

The Union Tribune had several stories this week about the City's real estate

holdings and how they are being managed. I applaud Mayor Sanders for continuing the efforts the Council started in May of 2005 when the City Council unanimously supported my directions to then City Manager Lamont Ewell to address the City's problems with real estate and the Real Estate Assets Department in a comprehensive and strategic manner.

As I stated to the Council in May "The strategy I propose involves our ability to manage city-owned properties as both responsible caretakers and pro-active managers. This strategy involves us managing the public's properties like an efficient and effective first class real estate business that has as its mission, delivering the best value possible to the public and in the process enhancing the quality of life for all city residents. This strategy involves not having low value uses on high value properties. This strategy involves using our public assets to generate funding for public safety, libraries, parks, affordable housing, employment opportunities, quality commercial developments, and expanding the opportunities for all city residents." The Mayor's appointment of Jim Waring to manage and provide direction to the Real Estate Assets Department is commendable. I was particularly pleased to hear that "his goal is to create a city real estate department that is as aggressive as a private firm." I look forward to continuing to work with the Mayor, Jim Waring and the City Council on this issue.

On Tuesday, March 21, 2006 at 10:00 am, the City Council will be considering my proposal to establish a Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention.

The Commission will be an official advisory body to the Mayor and City Council. Its goals and mission will be to develop a strategic, coordinated, and collaborative effort between the Community, City, law enforcement agencies, educational community, faith-based

community, social service providers, and the business community to address gang prevention and intervention.

Its main objective will be to significantly reduce gang involvement, and its negative impacts on children, families, the community and the City of San Diego. It will take a multi-pronged approach to accomplish this goal and I look forward to your support in helping the City and Commission achieve it.

On Saturday March 18, 2006 at 8:00 a.m, Robert Robinson and the Broadway Heights Community Council will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast. Please join me in sharing a good breakfast, neighborly spirit, good conversation and having a good time with the community residents. For more information please call (619) 993-7612

On Thursday, March 23, 2006 at 6:00 p.m, my office will be sponsoring a Public Safety Forum featuring City Attorney Michael Aguirre at the Malcolm X Library.

This will be an opportunity for you to come and learn about the role of the City Attorney's office in our community. This will also be an opportunity for you to get up close and personal with our City Attorney to discuss with him and hear his comments about City government and the new strong Mayor-strong Council form of government. Please contact Beryl Rayford of my office at 236-6644 for additional information about this event.

On Friday, March 24, 2006 at 11:00 am , the African American Business Women of Vision will be hosting its 6th Annual All Business Women's Celebration of Women's History Month at the Scottish Rite Center. Dee Sanford, the organization's Founder, and its many members and supporters are hereby commended for their outstanding efforts to help women in business and owners of businesses, successful. This exciting event will feature Barbara Morris, author of "Put Old on Hold" and Curtis V, spoken word artist and author. I am sure a good time will be had by all.

The City-County Reinvestment Task Force, co-chaired by Supervisor Ron Roberts and myself will be hosting our first annual Financial Literacy Summit on April 8, 2006 at the San Diego City Concourse. This free event titled "Smart Money Summit and Expo is for those living in low to high budget households. It will provide an opportunity to learn about the many financial programs, services and opportunities that are available. Most importantly, it is designed to help educate San Diego about the importance of being financially literate. This one day event is free to the public and will consist of several workshops designed to inform and increase the financial knowledge of San Diego residents. Homeownership, Responsible Budgeting, Basic Banking and Investing, Access to Capital, Consumer Rights and Predatory Lending, and Improving Credit are some of the topics discussed in the Smart Money Summit and Expo workshops. The Summit will have several booths that will be providing information on first time homebuyer programs, financial planning, income tax preparation, identity theft prevention, small business development, financial literacy programs for children and youth, and new financial product information from our sponsors and community partners. I look forward to seeing you there. Please call (619) 236-6644 for more information.

Again, my thanks go out to you for supporting me in my efforts to make this City and the 4th District a better place to live, work, and raise a family

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