



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



**WEEKLY UPDATE AUGUST 8, 2006**

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***City Council Actions***

**Today, the Council received the long awaited report from our Audit Committee that detailed the results of their investigation into the City's under funding of the retirement system and the over charging of sewer rates to city residents.** My initial reactions to this report were those of shock and anger that employees of this City deliberately took actions that caused this city and you to be the victims of a massive financial scandal that has resulted in the loss and reduction of basic city services that impact the quality of life of everyone in this city! However, we will learn from past mistakes and practices that caused this financial mess and implement policies and practices that ensure we never find ourselves in this situation again. I am encouraged by the (54) recommendations contained in the report that will assist the Mayor and Council in developing and implementing a financial structure for this city which reflects openness, honesty, accountability, wise, viable and prudent practices that serve as a foundation for managing the public's money and providing efficient and effective city services. The Mayor will be back before the Council on September 19<sup>th</sup> 2006 to present his office's response to the Audit Committee's Report. I and my fellow Council members will also be responding and making recommendations. I look forward to your input regarding this report in the weeks leading up to September 19<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to read the Report, please go to the city's web site at [www.sandiego.gov](http://www.sandiego.gov).

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*You May Want To Know...*

**The Encanto Street Fair and Cultural Arts Festival scheduled for August 17<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled by the organizers.** It is unfortunate that an event that means so much to our community has been cancelled due to organizational issues. I look forward to working with the newly constituted community based Board of Directors who will help bring the Street Fair back to Encanto in 2007. For more information regarding the Festival, please contact Dawn Slade at (619) 647-9177

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**My office has designated funding for The Safe Homes Project which contributes to the safety and security of low-income homeowners in the Fourth District.** Conducted by the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, the project works like this: First, Safe Homes Project technicians visit homeowners to assess their security needs. Then, homeowners have one of many basic home security devices installed in their homes -- **free of charge.** These security devices include security screen doors, dead bolt locks, carbon monoxide detectors, and exterior motion sensor lighting. Currently, 55 homeowners feel more secure in their homes because of the services of the Safe Homes Project. With additional funding from my office, an additional 69 homeowners will receive free services through the Safe Homes Project. Please contact Michael Ellis (619) 283-5411 for additional information.

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**My office has also designated funding for the San Diego Home Loan Counseling & Education Center.**

The San Diego Home Loan Counseling & Education Center, a HUD approved non-profit housing counseling agency, will provide the following services for families in the 4th District at no charge: Credit Reports and counseling on how to improve/clear up credit, Home buying workshops - the entire process from A to Z, budget counseling - how to eliminate date and save, foreclosure prevention counseling - how to get back on tract and negotiate with lending institutions, and pre and post purchase counseling on first-time home buyer programs, grants and down-payment assistance. For additional information, please contact Mary Otero at (619) 624-2330

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**Project New Village will be hosting its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Health Extravaganza on August 12, 2006 at the Educational Cultural Complex.** This year's theme "Protecting our youth from risky and harmful sexual encounters" is an unfortunate reminder that there are many sexual predators living throughout

this city and county and our children and parents need helpful information on reducing the risk and exposure to risky situations. It is my hope that you will join me and the co-sponsors of this health fair, Knox-Lincoln Park Neighborhood Council at 11:00 am on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. For additional information, please call (619) 262-2022.

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**I would like to invite your participation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “Back to School Fair” on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.** The Fair will be held at Jackie Robinson YMCA, 151 YMCA Way, San Diego, CA, 92102. San Diego Unified School District Board Member Sheila Jackson and I are presenting this event to address one of our community’s most pressing concerns, the education of our youth who reside in City Council District Four. It is all our responsibility to create an educational environment that encourages, fosters and stimulates the desire to learn.

The Fair will provide opportunities for families to obtain and gather information on how to best prepare their child to be academically successful in school. Also all participants will receive free school supplies, back packs, calculators, and other items and services.

I am asking that you participate in making this event a success by providing school supplies or services. Last year we were able to provide school supplies and other related services to well over 1500 students through the kind donations of the community. This year, with your help, we intend to provide the same supplies and services to 5000 youth and families.

We all have a vested interest in making San Diego the best place to live, work and raise a family. Knowing that you share the same interests, we look forward to hearing from you to discuss how you can support this event. Please contact Derrick White in my office at (619) 236-6644 for additional information and/or to donate school supplies. Thank you in advance for your support.

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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](mailto:anthonyyoung@sandiego.gov).