



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



WEEKLY UPDATE OCTOBER 30, 2006

City Council Actions

The Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention is in the process of being nominated by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council in the next few weeks.

I am pleased and excited that the following people have consented to become Commissioners:

Vincent Iaria, Chief of San Diego County Office of Probation

Carl Cohn, PhD, Superintendent, San Diego Unified School

Benita Page, Executive Director of the CHOICE Program

Steve Eldred, Program Officer for the California Endowment

Kevin Henderson, Outreach Specialist with Metro United Urban Ministries.

Conrad Harris is a carpenter with a prominent national builder and will serve the Commission as the Mayor's nominee with experience as a reformed gang member.

Gary Gallegos, Executive Director of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG).

Chief William Lansdowne, San Diego Chief of Police. Chief Lansdowne will be supported on the Commission by Lieutenant John Leas, head of the Gang Suppression Unit.

Larry Fitch, President and CEO of the San Diego Workforce Partnership

Marilyn Stewart, Director of Youth Empowerment Services (YES) Transition Network and was nominated by Council President Scott Peters, District 1.

Michael Sise, M.D. Director of Trauma Services at Scripps Mercy Hospital and is the nominee of Councilmember Faulconer, District 2.

Elias Vazquez, Deputy Center Director at Job Corps and was nominated by Councilmember Toni Atkins, District 3.

Harry Cooper Jr. Pastor of Southeast Community Presbyterian Church PCUSA. Pastor Cooper was nominated by Council President Pro Tem Anthony Young, District 4 and will serve as Chair of the Commission.

Alicia DeLeon Torres, Division Manager Union of Pan Asian Communities and was nominated by Councilmember Maienschein, District 5.

Rosemary Ortega is a reformed gang member and community activist and is the nominee of Councilmember Frye, District 6.

Eugene Johnson is the founder and owner of Unity Tech Fitness Center and was nominated by Councilmember Madaffer, District 7.

Christopher Yanov is the Executive Director of Reality Changers: Agentes de Cambio and is the nominee of Councilmember Hueso, District 8.

The San Diego Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention is formed to develop a more strategic, coordinated, and collaborative effort between the City, law enforcement agencies, social service providers, and the general public with the objective of significantly curtailing gang involvement, and its negative impact, in the City of San Diego. The Commission will make recommendations concerning gang prevention, intervention, diversion, and suppression methods; identify local, state, and federal funding sources; and address other gang-related policy matters.

The Commission membership includes experts and those who have a working knowledge of prevention and intervention strategies that could make a difference in our City. The Commission will also actively research funding options and community collaborations that will support our goals of addressing gang violence.

Two of the major goals of the Commission will be to develop a strategic plan on gang prevention and intervention that reflects coordinated and collaborative efforts of the institutions represented on the Commission (employment, education, social services, faith-based, community and government) and other agencies, programs, and institutions' responses to gang prevention and intervention issues in the City of San Diego; and

identifying best practices from throughout the nation and collecting relevant data from SANDAG, existing community based organizations, schools, law enforcement and citizen groups to provide the Mayor and Council with information to develop and implement policies that address gang prevention and intervention.

You May Want To Know...

The San Diego City Council will be in recess until November 13, 2006.

Volunteering has been defined as “Doing more than you have to, because you want to, in a cause you consider good.” An opportunity for you to volunteer your services exists with the many City of San Diego Boards and Commissions. Please visit the City’s web site at

www.sandiego.gov and view the many boards and commissions available for you to possibly serve on. You will find that several members terms are expiring, who is responsible for nominating and appointing members, and what the terms and requirements for service are. Please call Benelia Santos-Hunter at 236-6644 if you are interested in serving as a 4th District representative on a particular Board and/or Commission.

The 4th District Home Security Rehabilitation Program provides senior and low income homeowners with security screen doors, motion sensor outside lights, deadbolt locksets, smoke alarms and carbon

monoxide/smoke detectors. This is a free program funded under my 21st Century Community Initiative for our senior and low-income 4th District residents. Please contact my staff member Lourdes Borboa at 236-6644 for additional information.

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather and have a fun and safe Halloween.

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

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