



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



WEEKLY UPDATE JANUARY 22, 2007

City Council Actions

Today the Council unanimously approved my motion to apply to the State for a grant to develop a “Preferred Route to School Plan” for eight elementary schools in the Encanto, Skyline-Paradise Hills and other 4th District communities. This initial group of schools was selected based upon the number of accidents to pedestrians and bicyclists within a half mile radius of the schools. The grant will provide \$227,000 to plan safe routes for Kennedy, Holly Drive Leadership Academy, Chavez, Baker, Logan, Kimbrough, Emerson/Bandini and Knox Elementary.

The Council also voted today to add Council member Toni Atkins to the newly established Audit Committee which I serve as Vice Chairman. This completes the (3) member committee that is so critical to bringing this city out of the fiscal crisis that has plagued this city for the past few years.

You May Want To Know...

The community expressed outrage and sadness on December 6, 2006 when Brandon Hammond and Marcelles McElvaine, both 19 years old, were murdered in the 7600 block of Deep Dell Court.

Today, I convened a press conference with the Chief of Police and the Mayors office to announce that two suspects in their murder have been arrested and will be prosecuted by the District Attorney.

I also announced that a suspect was arrested on Monday for the August 2006 murder of 17 year-old Michael Daniels of Chollas View.

I commend and thank the San Diego Police Department's Team 3 Detectives and all those who assisted them, for their outstanding efforts in identifying and arresting three suspects in these murders.

I want this message to go out again and again. We will not tolerate anyone coming into our communities and murdering our youth! They will be caught and they will be prosecuted!

The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) is now accepting applications for the 2007 MetLife Foundation Community-Police Partnership Awards. These awards provide \$10,000 to \$25,000 grants to organizations that demonstrate innovative partnerships between community groups and police to promote neighborhood safety and revitalization efforts. Applications are due February 23, 2007. Please call (619) 239-6691 for additional information.

Wednesday, January 24, 2007 the City-County Reinvestment Task Force co-chaired by Supervisor Ron Roberts and myself will be convening the first in a series of speaker series' "Smart Money Summits" leading up to the 2nd Annual Smart Money Summit scheduled for April 14th. The first of three speaker series titled "Smart Women-Smart Money will be held at La Pinata Mexican Restaurant, 2836 Juan Street. Admission is free and will feature financial expert guest speakers, food and prizes. Please call (619) 236-6644 to RSVP or visit the website at www.smartmoneysummit.com. I look forward to seeing you there.

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One of the most important developments to honor black history in San Diego is set to open Thursday, January 23, in downtown's East Village. Lillian Place, an affordable housing project strongly supported by the late Councilman Charles Lewis, will not only provide 74 units of affordable housing for individuals and families, it's also a tribute to the African-American pioneers who helped make San Diego the great city it is today. This wonderful residential complex is named after Lillian Grant, a black businesswoman who owned downtown properties in the 1940s and 1950s. Please join me at 11:30 a.m. for the grand opening of Lillian's Place located at 1401 J Street.

Roosevelt Williams III an Intern in my office was recently recognized by AmeriCorps for his outstanding commitment to our communities and our country for successfully completing his service with Americorp. Roosevelt was honored with a Certificate of National Service. I

commend, thank, and congratulate him on this exemplary achievement.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Encanto Neighborhood Recreation Council will meet on Wednesday, January 24, 2007 at 6:30 pm., 6508 Wunderlin Drive.

The Alta Vista Community Council will meet on Thursday, January 25, 2007 at 6:30 p.m., Nye Elementary 981 S. Valencia Parkway.

The Broadway Heights Community Council will meet Thursday, January 25, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Please call (619) 582-8147 for location.

The Willie Henderson Recreational Council will meet Tuesday, January 30, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., 1035 S. 45th Street.

Dr. King stated **“Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”**

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 (619) 236-6644 if you are interested in serving as a 4th District representative on a particular Board and/or Commission.

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.

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