



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



Yes! Children Are Our Future

WEEKLY UPDATE MARCH 6, 2007

City Council Actions

The City Council unanimously supported beginning efforts to issue \$7 million in bonds to renovate Redwood Villa Apartments. This is a 92 unit affordable housing development for low-income seniors in the 4th District. I thank in advance, San Diego Interfaith Housing Foundation for helping to ensure low income seniors living in the 4th District have quality, safe and affordable housing.

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The City Council approved my recommendation to continue until March 19th a proposal to address the Mayor’s authority to make budget adjustments after the Council has approved the budget for the year. I have made it very clear that I do not want to micro-manage the Mayor’s management of city departments. This is clearly the authority the voters gave him when they approved our new form of government. The Mayor, Council President Peters, and I have crafted a proposal for the Council which addresses this matter in a manner that benefits the citizens of San Diego, allows the Mayor to manage city departments’ budgets, and provides clear lines of communication to the Council (for our discussion and action) when decisions are made by him to eliminate programs or services.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW...

Wednesday, March 7, 2007 from 6:00-8:00 p.m., The Neighborhood Unity Foundation will have a grants program orientation for community members in the 4th District to learn about the funds they have available to fund neighborhood projects such as after-school activities for children. Please call Sheila Robinson at (619) 527-6161 for additional information.

Wednesday, March 7, 2007 the City-County Reinvestment Task Force co-chaired by Supervisor Ron Roberts and myself will be convening the second in a series of three guest speaker ' "Smart Money Summits" leading up to the 2nd Annual Smart Money Summit scheduled for April 14th. The second of this three speaker series titled "Smart Women-Smart Money" will be held at The Elementary Institute of Science, 608 51st Street (corner of Market and Euclid) from 6-8 pm. 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.

The Broadway Heights Community Council needs your help! The Council is hosting a 16 day Civil Rights tour for youth and mentors from the 4th District. The Youth Leadership Team will get firsthand information of the civil rights movement, American history, via visits to the White House, Congress, MLK Center in Atlanta, Lorraine Motel Civil Rights Museum in Memphis (where Dr. King was murdered), and the Edmund Pettis Bridge in Montgomery, Alabama (site of the famous march from Selma to Montgomery by Dr. King in 1965). This life experience for our 4th District youth will begin in July of 2007. Please call (619) 993-7612 for information on how you can contribute to this highly commendable effort by the Broadway Heights Community Council. Your help in this effort is greatly appreciated.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

George Bernard Shaw stated **"I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can."** I am in total agreement with him and I am very proud and **thankful of the fact that residents throughout the 4th District also share this belief. Please join me or a member of my staff at the following Community Councils meeting this week.**

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The O'Farrell Park Town Council will meet on Thursday, March 8, 2007 at 6:00 pm., MLK Recreation Center, 6401 Skyline Drive. (Derrick White staffs this meeting)

The Skyline Hills Community Association will meet on Thursday, March 8, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., Morse High School, 6905 Skyline Drive. (David Peavy staffs this meeting)

The Grand Mother's Connection meets every Thursday morning from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at Tubman/Chavez Center, 415 North Euclid.

This exemplary group of 4th District grand mothers provides support and assistance to grandparents or relatives who are raising children under the age of 18. We all know how unfortunate it is when a child has to be raised by his/her grandparent or a relative. I commend and congratulate this group of grandmothers who are doing what they can to raise their children's children and assist others who are experiencing the same. Any assistance or resources you can provide to them will be very helpful. Thank you for your help and support. For additional information, please contact Sheryl Lambert at (619) 931-9548.

Dr. King stated **"Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a 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 236-6644 if you are interested in serving as a 4th District representative on a particular Board and/or Commission.

Jasmine Holt, a Morse High School graduate and currently a student at San Diego State and Southwestern College has joined my staff as a student intern. I am proud of Jasmine's work with the 4th District Youth Advisory Board and her outstanding volunteer efforts to assist youth with community forums, SAT tests, and Safe Summer and Back To School events sponsored by my office. In addition to her continued work in these areas, Jasmine will also assist with constituent concerns and work on special projects with other 4th District staff members. Jasmine joins (4) other student interns that are working in my office.

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SAVE THIS DATE: I will be welcoming Mayor Jerry Sanders to the 4th District for him to have a “Community Dialogue” with you on city-wide issues and possible solutions to those issues. **Please join Mayor Sanders on April 11, 2007 at 6:00 p.m, George Stevens Senior Center, 570 S. 65th Street.**

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@san Diego.gov.

