



Office of
Council President Pro Tem Anthony Young
District four
March 20, 2007 Weekly Update



City Council Actions:

The City Council continued until April 9 2007, the very important discussion and decision on the Mayor's flexibility in managing city departments during the budget year. This flexibility includes the ability to make budget cuts to departments, if necessary.

The City Attorney asked for more time to review this matter and provide the Mayor and Council with a clear legal opinion on it. For a decision as important as this, we must ensure we are on sound legal ground.

The previous ordinance we were considering stated that **budget change authority granted to the Mayor requires City Council approval if such action will result in materially and substantially reducing, altering, or eliminating service levels to the community.**

This leaves it up to the Mayor's interpretation of whether his management team views it as material and substantial if they reduce, alter, or eliminate services. They can notify the Council if they do, or they do not have to notify the Council if they don't think its "material and substantial."

The majority of people who spoke to the Council seemed to believe that leaving the Mayor the ability to define what is "material and substantial" and make cuts and reductions accordingly, is appropriate.



However, those same people were also saying that they did not want the Mayor to make reductions or cuts without coming to the Council.

This is why I supported a continuance so that the City Attorney can make a clear finding on this matter and this continuance will give him the appropriate time to do so.

The Council approved the Mayor's recommendation to establish an Independent Rate Oversight Committee. This Committee is formed to review and ensure fees from recently approved water and sewer rates are spent on water and sewer pipes and treatment facilities. Citizens demanded that the new fees be spent in this manner and wanted an independent oversight committee to help ensure funds are spent accordingly. I support this effort and will work with the Committee through my role as a member of the Audit Committee and City Council to ensure funds from the sewer and water rate increases are invested appropriately and used specifically for water and sewer system operations and improvements.

The Council also approved my recommendation to request that the Mayor report to the Council on the process his staff will use for recommending the use of millions of dollars of Development Impact Fee and Park Fee funds. These fees are generated in various communities throughout the city and have traditionally been allocated for various infrastructure projects in the communities from which the fees were collected. Under the new form of government, I want to ensure the Council and community continues to be involved in this process.

You May Want To Know . . .

Saturday, March 24, 2007 is the third of the Smart Money speaker series: "Smart Youth-Smart Money" is for our youth and will feature subjects on starting savings accounts, use and abuse of credit cards, and establishing good credit.

This event will be held at the:

Malcolm X Library
5148 Market Street
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Admission is free and will feature financial expert, Judge John Hargrove. Free lunch and special prizes will be provided.

Please call (619) 236-6644 to RSVP or visit the website at www.smartmoneysummit.com. I look forward to seeing your child there.



I commend and thank Lei-Chala Wilson for agreeing to serve on the newly formed Charter Committee. Mayor Sanders accepted my recommendation to appoint Lei-Chala to this history setting committee. She will join 14 other members to develop recommendations for the Mayor and City Council on specific ballot measures to present to the voters which further define the Mayor/Council form of government.

I commend and thank Bob Kelly and the San Diego Foundation for taking a bold step and providing funds for their initiative: STOP GANG RELATED VIOLENCE NOW!

The \$125,000 to begin this initiative is not for business as usual approaches to providing social service programs for youth. This is for those agencies that are at the ground floor of working directly with gang members and helping them to get out of gangs. More importantly, these funds are for agencies that can simply demonstrate that they can help with stopping the violence between gangs and the violence gangs create in communities. I strongly support all efforts to stop gang violence. This is a very important step in the multi-step process to address gang prevention and intervention. Again, I thank the San Diego Community Foundation for working with me and involving the community in this important initiative.

I will be traveling to Sacramento on Tuesday to testify before the California Assembly in support of Assembly member Mary Salas's bill to establish a state-wide commission on gang prevention and intervention. This commission is modeled after the Commission created here in San Diego. When I was fully supported by the Mayor and Council in establishing the San Diego Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention, I stated that it would be a model for both the state and the nation. I commend and thank Assembly member Mary Salas for her efforts in establishing a state-wide Commission.

I am excited about the Opening Day for Encanto Little League on Saturday March 24, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. The field has undergone extensive renovations with the assistance and financial support of the San Diego Padres, Dave Winfield, Tim Katzman, Randy McPhillips, Mike Ivory, Encanto little Board members and volunteers, San Diego Park and Recreation management and staff, and my office. This Little Padre Field is a jewel in the heart of the Encanto community and will provide an outstanding baseball field for our youth and families to enjoy. Please join me at this grand opening and enjoy a true "right of spring", our children playing baseball and having safe, clean fun!



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.

The 3rd Annual Filipino-American Arts and Culture Festival will be held on Paradise Valley Road on October 6, 2007. This event will showcase the great diversity that is found in our wonderful District through cultural performances, educational booths, ethnic foods and art displays. In order to ensure a successful event, the Filipino-American Arts and Culture Committee is now currently in the planning stage and would like to extend the invitation to any interested members of the community who would like to help plan and organize for this grand festival. This would be a great opportunity to meet new neighbors in the Fourth District and to bring the community together for a day of fun. If interested, please contact Liezl Mangonon from my staff for more information at 619-236-6644.

Community Council Meetings:

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.

- George Bernard Shaw

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:

- **The Paradise Hills Village Council** will meet on Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at 6:30 p.m., Lee Elementary, 6196 Childs Avenue (Liezl Mangonon staffs this meeting)



- **The Mountain View Community Council** will meet on Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., Mountain View Park 551 S. 40th Street. (Lourdes Borboa staffs this meeting)
- **The Diamond Business Improvement District** will meet on Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., 5106 Federal Blvd. Ste. 105. (Venus Molina staffs this meeting)
- **The Alta Vista Community Council** will meet on Thursday, March 22, 2007 at 6:30 p.m., Nye Elementary 981 S. Valencia Parkway (Liezl Mangonon staffs this meeting)
- **The Broadway Heights Community Council** will meet on Thursday, March 22, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., Please call (619) 582-8147 for location (David Peavy staffs this meeting)
- **The Skyline Hills King Recreation Council** will meet on Thursday, March 22, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. Morse High School, 6905 Skyline Drive (Derrick White staffs this meeting)
- **The Grand Mother's Connection** meets every Thursday morning from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon at the Tubman/Chavez Center, 415 North Euclid Avenue. This exemplary group of 4th District grandmothers 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 grandparents or a relative. I commend and congratulate this groups 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.



Boards & Commissions:

“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.”

—Dr. Martin Luther King

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.

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 potential 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@sandiego.gov.

