Office of
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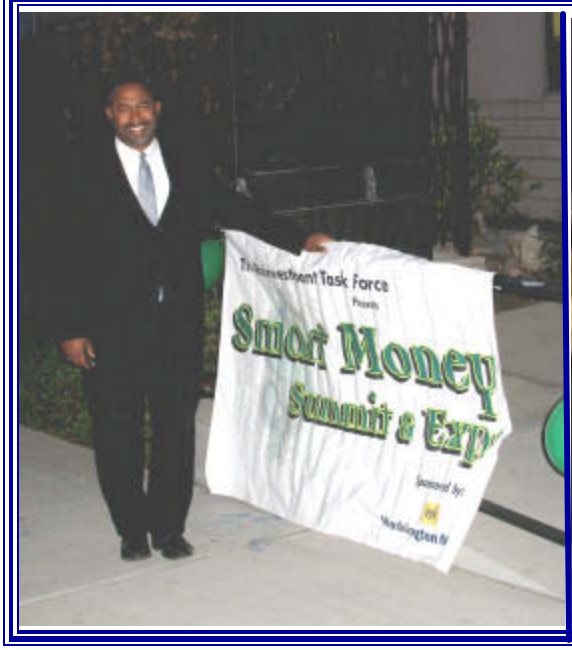
District four
April 30, 2007 Weekly Update

City of San Diego



2007 Smart Money Summit & Expo—helping make San Diego the most financially literate city in the nation!

City Council Actions:

On Monday April 30, 2006, we approved a recommendation to return to billing water and sewer customers every two months. This puts the billing on the same cycle as when meters are read. Unfortunately, when the City was billing on a monthly basis, there seemed to be more issues of over billing customers. Billing on a bi-monthly basis should address this problem. The City and taxpayers will also save money in mailing costs because bills will be sent out every two months instead of every month.

You May Want to Know:

Mayor Sanders will be speaking to 4th District residents about his proposed budget on Wednesday May 2, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. I will be welcoming Mayor Sanders to the 4th District to discuss his proposed 2008 budget and what it means for the 4th District and the City.

On Thursday May 3, 2007 the 4th District's Common Ground Theatre will be kicking off its excellent production of "Josephine Baker Tonight" at the Lyceum Theatre in Horton Plaza. This excellent musical production directed by the legendary Dr. Floyd Gaffney is one for all of San Diego to see. "Josephine Baker Tonight" will run from May 3rd to May 23rd. May 12th is a special fundraising night for the San Diego NAACP; a portion of each ticket sold for the May 12th performance will go to the NAACP. Please contact Petrina Burnham Branch for this fundraising performance at (619) 236-7175. I look forward to you coming out and spending an evening with your family and love ones enjoying the performances. Please call (619) 263-7911 for show times and additional information.

On Saturday May 5, 2007 at 9:30 a.m., the Minds of Distinction will be conducting auditions for "Tomorrow's Young Stars" at Malcolm X Library. Auditions will be for Boys and Girls ages 5-12 and Young Ladies and Gentlemen ages 13-17. This annual multicultural "Junior Idol" singing contest is an excellent opportunity for our youth to display their singing talents in a positive environment.

On Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., a free Mini concert will be held at Market Creek Plaza Outdoor Amphitheater. This outstanding concert will feature the San Diego Symphony and will provide a great opportunity for children, families, and residents of the 4th District to hear and enjoy the San Diego Symphony free of charge. I commend and thank the Metropolitan Transit System and Coca Cola for sponsoring this event and supporting my office's efforts to help bring more arts and culture programs and events to the 4th District.

On Thursday May 10, 2007 beginning at 8:00 a.m. the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention will host a forum on "Community Solutions: Creating Regional / Neighborhood Anti-Gang Strategies. This outstanding forum sponsored by the San Diego Foundation, Jacobs Foundation, and the US Attorney's Office will be held at the San Diego Convention Center. Featured speakers include San Bernadino Mayor Patrick Morris, Dr. Joseph Marshall of the Omega Boys Club, Harvard Professor, Dr. Anthony Braga, and other guest speakers and presenters. This is an opportunity for you to join members from your respective communities throughout San Diego in work group discussions on strategies and services that are most likely to work in your community. I strongly request that you join me and other leaders throughout San Diego city and county as we work with you to address this regional issue of gangs and gang violence that's destroying our youth and devastating our families. Please call (619) 533-6511 to RSVP.

Community Clean-ups are continuing to be held throughout the 4th District. On Saturday May 19, 2007, a community clean-up and recycling event will be held in the 4th District community of Emerald Hills. I commend, thank, and congratulate the many community volunteers and city staff that assist in these efforts. Keeping our communities clean and free of debris is an ongoing effort we all must continue to be involved in. Please contact Chris Penman at (858) 492-6027 for information and locations of trash bins for this event.

The Fourth District Youth Advisory Board would like to invite the youth of the community to audition for the upcoming "Day in the Fourth" which will be held on June 9, 2007 at Martin Luther King Jr. Park. The "Day in the Fourth" is a community festival event being co-ordinated by youth for the youth of our community. It is a day to build peace and unity; and to show the diversity of talents that youth of this community possess. Auditions will be held from 5pm to 6pm on April 18th, 25th, and May 9th, 16th at the Malcolm X Library located at 5148 Market Street. For more information please contact Derrick White of my staff at (619)236-6644.

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 is 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 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 Recreation Council** will meet on Thursday May 3, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., Penn Athletic Field, 6610 Potomac Street (Liezl Mangonon staffs this meeting)
- **The Valencia Park Town Council** will meet on Thursday May 3, 2007 at 6:30 p.m., Valencia Park Elementary School, 15880 Skyline Drive. (Derrick White staffs this meeting)
- **The Mount Hope Community Council** will meet on Thursday, May 3, 2007 at 6:30 p.m., Macedonia Baptist Church, 625 Quail Street (Venus Molina staffs this meeting)
- **Oak Park Community Council** will meet on Thursday, May 3, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., Oak Park Elementary, 2606 54th Street (Jimmie Slack 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:

Saturday, June 23, 2007 for the Soul of San Diego Gospel Fest and Juneteenth Celebration at Market Street Plaza. Call (619) 527-1246 for more information.

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.