



Office of
Council President Pro Tem Anthony Young
District four
MAY 8, 2007 Weekly Update



Cinco de Mayo Celebration in the Fourth District!

City Council Actions:

On Tuesday May 8, 2007, we approved recommendations to fund over \$15 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs and projects. I was very pleased to support and recommend funding for programs and projects that include assisting the disabled, seniors, youth and families, homeless, libraries, and parks. There will be additional discussions in the future to address CDBG funding policies for 2009. I look forward to working with the Council and Mayor on new funding strategies that will allow us to give more CDBG funding to programs and projects in CDBG eligible areas of the city.

You May Want to Know:

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.

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.

The 4th District's Common Ground Theatre is continuing its excellent production of "Josephine Baker Tonight" at the Lyceum Theatre in Horton Plaza. This outstanding 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. I look forward to you coming out and spending an evening with your family and love ones enjoying the performances. Saturday, May 12th is a special fundraising night for the San Diego NAACP. Please contact Petrina Burnham at (619) 236-7175 for ticket information. Please call (619) 263-7911 for show times and additional information.

Community Clean-ups are continuing to be held throughout the 4th District. On Saturday May 10, 2007, a community clean-up and recycling event will be held in the 4th District community of Mt. Hope. 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 Jennifer Hobbs at (858) 573-1275 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 coordinated 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 May 9 and 16, 2007 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 California Optometric Association is providing free comprehensive eye exams and eye glasses for qualified patients. To qualify there must be at least one adult in the household that is employed at least part-time; the person(s) seeking an eye exam must have no public or private insurance that covers eye care; applicants must not have had an eye exam in the past 2 years; and applicants must be low-income and unable to pay for eye care. To apply, you can receive an application in English or Spanish on-line at www.californiavision.org or call to request one by fax or mail. Qualified applicants are matched to an optometrist, and will



receive a letter with the name, address and telephone number of the optometrist that they can call to schedule an appointment. For additional information please call Sean South, Sr. Health Community and Regulatory Advocate at (916) 441-3990 or (800) 877-5738 Fax: (916) 448-1423

The San Diego Food Bank will be benefiting from three separate events on the week-end of May 11 through 13, 2007. At two of the events the San Diego Food Bank will be collecting donated food. Volunteers are needed to help in these collection efforts. To volunteer for any of the days and times call (858)527-1419 ext 27. The third event is shopping day on Friday, May 11th at the Macy's in Chula Vista. Community Shopping Day is an all-day shopping event dedicated to raising funds for local nonprofit organizations. Please call 858-527-1419 ext 30. Thank you for helping to feed the hungry in San Diego County through your support of the San Diego Food Bank.

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 and 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.

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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 Knox Lincoln Park Town Council** will meet on Tuesday May 8, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., Knox Elementary School Auditorium, 1098 S. 49th Street. (Liezl Mangonon staffs this meeting)
- **The Skyline/Paradise Hills Planning Committee** will meet on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., Paradise Hills Rec. Center, 6610 Potomac Street (Petrina Burnham Branch staffs this meeting)
- **The Mountain View Park & Recreation Council** will meet on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at 6:30 p.m., Mt. View Park, 551 S. 40th Street (Venus Molina staffs this meeting)
- **The O'Farrell Park Town Council** will meet on Thursday, May 10, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., at 6:00 p.m. MLK Park Rec. Center 6401 Skyline Drive (Derrick White staffs this meeting)
- **The Skyline Hills Community Association** will meet on Thursday, May 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., Morse High School, 6905 Skyline Drive (David Peavy)
- **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.



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.

