Office of
Council President Pro Tem Anthony Young
District four
MAY 16, 2007 Weekly Update

City of San Diego

Working together for a brighter tomorrow at the
Community Solutions: Regional Neighborhood Initiatives Conference

City Council Actions:

On Tuesday May 15, 2007, we approved recommendations to fund social service programs that provide services to seniors, youth, and homeless individuals and families. I was very pleased to support the funding strategies that were developed to ensure that there were no funding cuts to Social Service programs this year.

We also approved the budgets for our redevelopment agencies which are Southeastern Economic Development Corporation (SEDC), Centre City Development Corporation (CCDC), and the City of San Diego Redevelopment Agency. I look forward to continuing to work with these agencies to ensure they use best practices and strategies which continue to move our city and communities forward in providing economic opportunities and affordable housing.

The Council unanimously approved my recommendation to appoint Karen Howard to the SEDC Board of Directors. Ms. Howard has over 20 years of local government experience including writing zoning reports; preparing environmental documents; conducting zoning research; and working with public officials, engineers, and architects. Ms. Howard will be an outstanding addition to the Southeastern Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors and I thank her and commend her on her willingness to volunteer her time and effort to improving economic and development opportunities in the 4th and 8th Council Districts.

You May Want to Know:

On Friday, May 18, 2007 the Honorable Leon Williams will receive an honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities from San Diego State University and the California State University. The former 4th District Councilman and 4th District Supervisor will also have a room dedicated in his honor at San Diego State University. I commend and congratulate Dr. Leon L. Williams on this outstanding occasion. He is an integral and valuable piece of San Diego's political, community and economic development history. We are all the better for his dedication and exemplary efforts to improve the quality of life of the citizens of San Diego and throughout this nation. Congratulations Dr. Williams!

On Saturday, May 19, 2007 Second Chance will be hosting the 2007 Adopt-A-Block Community Employment and Resource Fair at 6195 Imperial Avenue. This outstanding community event will begin at 8:00 a.m. with hundreds of volunteers and community residents conducting community clean-up activities along Imperial Avenue and parts of Euclid Avenue. The Employment and Resource Fair will begin at the same time and provide opportunities for jobs, access to various resources, and information on services and programs throughout the city. I commend and thank all the event sponsors, volunteers, and community members for working together to help make the 4th District a clean, thriving and viable community.

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. 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 19th, 2007, a community clean-up and recycling event will be held in the 4th District community of Emerald Hills. Please separate and bring your waste and recyclables to Johnson School, 1355 Kelton Road. 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 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 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 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, receive an application in English or Spanish on-line (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 (800) 877-5738 Fax: (916) 448-1423

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 extent 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 Lomita Village Town Council** will meet on Thursday May 17, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., Skyline Park Rec. Center, 8285 Skyline Drive (Venus Molina staffs this meeting)

- **The Martin Luther King Recreation Council** will meet on Thursday May 17, 2007 at 12:00 p.m., MLK Recreation Center, 6401 Skyline Drive. (Derrick White staffs this meeting)

- **Paradise Hills Village Council** will meet on Wednesday, May 16, 2007 at 6:30 p.m., Robert E. Lee Elementary School, 6196 Childs Avenue. (Liezl Mangonon 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.

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 Creek 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.