



**OFFICE OF
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DISTRICT 4
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CITY OF SAN DIEGO



CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS:

On Monday September 10, 2007 the San Diego City Council unanimously approved the Tobacco Retailer Ordinance which requires businesses to get a police permit to sale tobacco and tobacco related products in stores. This Ordinance is the result of Dr. Cleo Malone’s (Executive Director, Palavra Tree) exemplary efforts to bring together elected officials and community organizations including the American Lung Association to develop legislation that helps prevent the sale of tobacco and tobacco related products to minors.

Despite the existence of state and federal tobacco control laws there is still a serious problem in this city of tobacco retailers selling to minors. Police and other organizations including Palavra Tree and the American Lung Association have conducted several undercover operations and keep getting the same results: Clerks selling tobacco products and drug paraphernalia to minors!.

It is clear that we can not rely on state and federal laws alone to protect our children. I commend and thank my fellow Council members, particularly Councilmember Brian Maienschein, and the City Attorney’s office for supporting me in bringing this matter to the Public Safety and Community Services Committee and to the City Council for final approval.

On Tuesday September 11, 2007 the San Diego City Council unanimously approved the sale of the old and abandoned Valencia Park Library to the Southeastern Economic Development Corporation. This allows for this eyesore to the community to be transformed into a vibrant and well designed site for residential and commercial use. It is one more positive and active step in meeting the goals of the 4th District's Imperial Avenue Master Plan.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

13th Annual San Diego Black Business Weekend, "Developing the Foundations of Economic Empowerment" will be begin on Friday September 13-15, 2007. Expert panelist will speak on collective opportunities for small businesses in the San Diego Region. Attendees will acquire information necessary to create a strategy for future success and meet key decision makers from various corporations and business entities. In addition the 13th Annual San Diego Black Business BBQ will be held on Saturday. All events will be held at Market Creek Plaza. For more information, please call (619) 262-4922 or log onto www.sducec.org.

Mexican Independence Day will be celebrated throughout San Diego on Saturday and Sunday September 15th and 16th. Please join the many community groups, organizations and individuals at the various festive and fun-filled events for youth and families.

Bethel Baptist Church's Fall Outreach Festival/Health Fair will be held on Saturday, September 22, 2007 at 1962 Euclid Avenue. I commend and thank Dr. John Ringgold, the congregation of Bethel Baptist Church, and the many organizations and volunteers who helped bring this outstanding and much needed event to the community.

The City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture's Creative Communities is accepting applications for the Fiscal Year 2009. They will provide two technical assistance workshops in the Commission Office Conference Room on Wednesday, September 26 and Thursday, September 27. The Application deadline is Friday, October 19, 2007 (postmark or hand delivered by 5:00pm). Late applications will not be accepted. I highly recommend you attend one or both meetings to help you with any questions or assistance you may have for this process. If you have any questions, please contact either Lourdes

Borboa or Liezl Mangonon at (619) 236-6644.

Community Clean-ups are continuing to be held throughout the 4th District. I

commend, thank, and congratulate the many community volunteers and city staff who assist in these efforts. Keeping our communities clean and free of debris is an ongoing effort we all must continue to be involved in.

During the month of August 2007, community clean-ups were held in the 4th District communities of Paradise Hills, Valencia Park and Oak Park. I commend and thank all the community members and city staff that participated in these events.

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:

O'Farrell Park Town Council will meet on Thursday, September 13, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., at MLK Park and Rec. Center 6401 Skyline Dr. (Derrick White staffs this meeting)

Skyline Hills Community Association will meet on Thursday, September 6, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., at Morse High School, 6905 Skyline Dr. (Derrick White staffs this meeting)

Encanto Neighborhood Community Planning Group will meet Monday, September 17, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street (Petrina Branch staffs this meeting)

Webster Community Council will meet on Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at 6:30 p.m., at Webster Elementary School, 4801 Elm Street (Derrick White staffs this meeting)

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. **We are currently seeking a 4th District resident to serve on the Community Forest Advisory Board.**

SAVE THESE DATES:

2nd Annual International Day of Peace, held on Saturday, September 22, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. At Market Creek Plaza Amphitheater.

The purpose of this multicultural event is to promote a “Culture of Peace” by advocating harmonious human relations, non-violence, unity, freedom, justice, power and peace. The event provides attendees access to resources for conflict resolution, public safety and violence prevention to enhance behavioral health, safety and well-being. This free community event is in conjunction with the world wide Peace Day celebration initiated by the United Nations in 1982. For more information, please contact Mshinda Nyofu, M.S. at (619) 587-0789 or via e-mail at ujimainstitute@yahoo.com.

Lord's Fitness Community Development Center's Open House will be held on Thursday, September 27, 2007. The mission of this new Center is, “to shine as a beacon of Light and Hope so that anybody in the community who seeks an opportunity to improve his or her life physically, socially, mentally, or spiritually

can access the needed resources now made available by qualified and caring people who will serve them unselfishly.” For more information please contact Jackie Thomas at (619) 263-3700, ext. 206.

FREE Flu Shots for Seniors, and event offered by the AARP San Diego Metro Chapter 4916. Friday, September 28, 2007 at the Martin Luther King Jr. Park and Recreation Center on 6401 Skyline Drive. Snacks and refreshments will be provided as well as resource information tables. For more information, please contact Jewell Hooper (619) 264-4201 or AARP Chapter 4916 (619) 264-1090.

Grand Re-Opening of Lincoln High School is on Saturday, September 29, 2007. This event is will be held at Lincoln High School, 4777 Imperial Avenue, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. For more information, please call (*English*) (619) 725-5588 or (*Espanol*) (619) 725-7419. This celebration will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony, music, alumni booths, memorabilia, and school tours.

On Saturday, September 29, 2007, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Council will be hosting, Unity in the Community, a community event from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm. This event’s purpose is to provide information on the various resources available in our community. There will be different booths providing information on educational assistance, health, recreational opportunities, the community council, police service, free refreshments, games and crafts for children, and others. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center is located at 6401 Skyline Drive. For more information, please call (619) 527-3415.

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.

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.