



OFFICE OF
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM ANTHONY YOUNG
DISTRICT FOUR
OCTOBER 30, 2007 WEEKLY UPDATE



Council President Pro Tem Tony Young honors professional golf Hall of Famer, Mr. Gordon Brown.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS:

On Monday October 29, 2007 the San Diego City Council unanimously supported a State of Local Emergency declared by the Mayor regarding the devastating wild fires that began on October 21, 2007. My sincerest condolences and prayers go out to those who lost loved one in the fires. I also want to thank the hundreds of thousands of San Diego residents who peacefully and orderly evacuated their homes when requested to do so. Your peaceful actions probably saved thousands of lives. Fire, police, medical personnel, government personnel, and the thousands of volunteers are hereby commended for their outstanding efforts to assist those in need. People came together despite position or title to work successfully toward a common goal, which is to save the lives of those in peril and begin the process of helping restore the quality of life for all of San Diego.

On Tuesday October 30, 2007 the San Diego City Council unanimously approved my motion to establish a City Reserve Policy which sets aside millions of dollars to address unexpected needs for programs and services during the year. During the budget deliberations in June, 2007 I was very concerned that the significant reduction in City staff could also lead to reductions in City programs and services. I advocated for establishment of a reserve account for the Council's use in the event programs and services were reduced. This would provide us with the funds to restore programs and services by Council action. I commend and thank the Council's Independent Budget Analyst and the Mayor's Chief Operating Officer for working together to develop the policy and bring it to the Council for final approval. I thank my fellow Council members for supporting my request.

On Tuesday October 30, 2007 the San Diego City Council approved a \$999,913 grant from Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to identify and eliminate negative housing conditions that contribute to diseases and injuries among children. The funds will be used in District 4 and other Districts to conduct programs that develop, implement and promote preventative measures to correct multiple safety and health hazards in home environments that lead to serious diseases and injuries in children.

On Tuesday October 30, 2007 the San Diego City Council unanimously approved my Resolution to declare this day as Gordon Brown Day in the city of San Diego. Mr. Brown is a 4th district resident and member of the golf Hall of Fame. He founded the San Diego Inner City Junior Golf Foundation which provides golf training to thousands of youth and also provides meals and transportation to and from golf tournaments for disadvantaged youth. In 1995 the NAACP Charleston Chapter, honored Gordon Brown in the state of South Carolina for his role in desegregating Charleston's Municipal Golf Course. I am proud and honored to recognize the historic accomplishments of Gordon Brown before the San Diego City Council.

On Tuesday October 30, 2007 the San Diego City Council unanimously approved \$1.6 million in financing to rehabilitate the Mayberry Townhomes located in the 4th District. These funds will provide much needed improvements for low and moderate income families living in these homes. Improvements include plumbing, flooring, kitchen, roof and bath room repairs for units throughout the complex. SEDC and the MAAC Project are to be commended for taking action to help improve the living conditions of 4th District families.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

On Thursday November 1, 2007, the 4th and final SAT workshop: Verbal and Reasoning II will be held at Malcolm X Library from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. All students grade 9-12 welcome, regardless of prior attendance. I am proud and pleased to continue supporting the edu-



cational achievements of 4th District Youth. These free SAT workshops sponsored solely by my office and the 4th District Youth Advisory Board are a valuable part of assisting youth in getting scholarships and entry into colleges and universities throughout this nation. Please call Derrick White at (619) 236-6644 if you would like to have your youth participate in this last SAT workshop of the year.

On November 1, 2007 The City of San Diego Planning Commission will consider the Public Hearing Draft, with an additional hearing on November 8, 2007 if necessary. The Draft General Plan sets out a long-range vision and comprehensive policy framework for how the city should grow and develop, provide public services, and maintain the qualities that define the city of San Diego over the next 2 to 3 decades. The plan itself does not affect current land use designations or zoning on individual properties, but rather provides the framework and policy direction for future community planning, discretionary project review, and implementation programs. The Draft General Plan is available on the City's website at <http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/genplan/index.shtml>. Printed copies of the plan are available for review at all City libraries and community service centers, and at the City Planning Division's office, City Administration Building, 202 C Street, 4th Floor, in Downtown San Diego. The public is invited to attend the hearings as well as send written comments at least eight days prior to the public hearings.

The California Reinvestment Coalition has provided a list of key contacts for organizations who are helping consumers with mortgage difficulties (these contacts are not for individuals who are having difficulty with their mortgage, individuals needing assistance may contact a HUD-certified mortgage counselor).

For Nonprofit Groups: Key Loss Mitigation Contacts

- Bank of America (800) 846-2222
- Citibank Office of homeownership Preservation (866) 517-0820
- Countrywide's Advocacy Team (877) 327-9225
(advocacy@countrywide.com)
- HSBC Mortgage Services (800) 365-6730
- JP Morgan Chase (866) 345-4676
(hpo.chase@chase.com)
- Wells Fargo Bank (866) 480-5004
- Wilshire Home Loan Services (HLS)
service loans for Merrill Lynch
 Wilshire Contact Information (888) 952-7339
 HLS Contact Information (800) 622-5035

If consumers have complaints about fraudulent broker or lender behavior, they can call:

- The Dept of Fair Employment & Housing (800) 233-3212



— The U.S. Dept of Housing & Urban Develop. (800) 669-9777

The Coalition of Neighborhood Councils (CNC) is asking your support for its 5th Annual Toys for Tots Holiday Extravaganza. This is an excellent opportunity to donate toys and gifts for children who need your hugs and kisses during the holiday season. Please call (619) 325-3580 for additional information and to give to this very worthy cause.

Rebuilding Together San Diego, is accepting applications from low-income families who own their home and need assistance with own repairs. They are also accepting applications from Community non-profit facilities in need of renovation. All work is performed at no cost to the qualifying recipients. The application deadline is **November 5th**. For more information, please call (619) 231-7873. Applications and guide-lines can be found on our websites at: [www.http://www.rebuildingtogethersd.org/apply/introduction.html](http://www.rebuildingtogethersd.org/apply/introduction.html).

On Saturday November 3, 2007, New Creation Church is holding an Appreciation Celebration for its esteemed Pastor Reginald L. Gary. This event will be held from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. I look forward to you joining me and the church congregation in honoring their pastor for his outstanding leadership and devotion to serving God and the community. For additional information please call Claude Cole at (619) 584-5460.

San Diego LISC has the 2007 NFL Youth Football Grassroots Program Request for Proposal. The NFL Grassroots Programs provides grants up to \$200,000 for capital improvement projects. In order to be eligible, projects must be sponsored by non-profit community-based organizations, or middle-schools/ high schools. In addition all organizations applying for funds must be located specifically and exclusively within NFL Target Markets and serve low to moderate income areas within those markets. Submissions are due by **November 30, 2007**. For more information please contact Joe Horiye at (619) 239-6691 or go to www.lisc.org/san_diego.

Community Clean-ups are continuing to be held throughout the 4th District. I commend, thank, and congratulate the many community volunteers, city staff, non-profit organizations and EDCO Waste & Recycling Services 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.



On Saturday November 3, 2007 a mini community cleanup will be held for 4th District residents within the area north of Market St, south of Hilltop, east on Boundary, and west of 41st St.

At the October 20, 2007 community clean-up held in the 4th District community of Valencia Park, a total of 10.38 tons of waste, 6.04 tons were non-recyclables and 4.34 tons of recyclable materials consisting of metals and appliances were collected. Ms. Mary Jo Lofton-Bruce, community members, and the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department and Alejandro Alvarado, are commended for their assistance and support.

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:

Willie Henderson Rec. Council will meet Tuesday October 30, 2007 at the Willie Henderson Rec. Center, 1035 S. 45th Street (Lourdes Borboa staffs this meeting)

Paradise Hills Recreation Council will meet Thursday November 1, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at Penn Athletic Field, 6610 Potomac Street (Liezl Mangonon staffs this meeting)

Oak Park Community Council will meet Thursday November 1, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at Oak Park School auditorium, 2606 54th Street (Jimmie Slack staffs this meeting)

Valencia Park Town Council will meet Thursday November 1, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the Valencia Park Elementary School, 5880 Skyline Drive (Derrick White staffs this meeting)

Greater Skyline Hills Town Council will meet Monday November 5, 2007 at 6:00p.m. at Skyline Park Rec. Center, 6508 Wunderlin Drive (Derrick White staffs this meeting)



City Heights Area Planning Committee will meet Monday November 5, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at 3910 University Avenue (Petrina Branch staffs this meeting)

Paradise Hills Neighborhood Watch Council will meet Monday November 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, 5810 Alleghany Street. (Liezl Man-gonon 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.

SAVE THIS DATE:

On Thursday, November 8th, 2007 the Diamond CDC/BID is holding “A Diamond Mixer” from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. and would like to invite all Diamond businesses to meet and come together for networking opportunities. Special guests include Mayor Jerry Sanders and Council President Pro Tem Anthony Young as we honor H.W “Skipper” Ragsdale III.

The 13th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dedication & Memorial Breakfast, presented by the United African American Ministerial Action Council, will be held on Monday, January 21, 2008 at 995 Gateway Center Way, Suite 302, San Diego, CA 92102. For more information, please contact UAAMAC at (619) 264-1213 or visit their website at <http://www.uaamac.com>.



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

