



OFFICE OF  
**COUNCILMAN ANTHONY YOUNG**  
CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & NEIGHBORHOOD  
SERVICES  
DISTRICT FOUR  
**FEBRUARY 1, 2008 WEEKLY UPDATE**



*Councilman Young joined by Mayor Sanders, and Lou Spisto, CEO of The Old Globe at the ribbon cutting of the Old Globe's new 42,000 square-foot Technical Center located in the 4<sup>th</sup> District community of Encanto.*

## COUNCIL ACTIONS:

**On Monday, January 29, 2008 the San Diego City Council began the budget discussions for Fiscal Year 2009 by approving and submitting to the Mayor's Office our budget priorities for his review, consideration and placing into his budget proposal for 2009.** The Mayor will give his budget proposal to the Council by April 15, 2008. Our Council will then hold public hearings prior to changing or approving the Mayor's budget proposal. I look forward to public input and discussion regarding the 2009 budget.

**On Tuesday, January 29, 2008 the San Diego City Council unanimously approved my motion to authorize funds to complete the Reo Drive Streetscape project located in the 4th District Community of Paradise Hills.** This \$1.9 million project designed in cooperation and collaboration with the Skyline Paradise Hills Planning Committee, Paradise Hills Village Council and residents of Paradise Hills will provide enhanced streets, lights, landscaping, sidewalks and other improvements which foster economic development opportunities and improve the quality of life in the community.



**On Tuesday, January 29, 2008 the San Diego City Council unanimously approved my motion to allocate \$144,000 of grant funds to improve areas of Chollas Creek located in the 4th District.** Funds will be used to assist in restoring natural habitats and creating safe walkable trails in the Chollas Creek area located near the Jackie Robinson YMCA.

## YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

**On Wednesday, January 30, 2008 I was joined by Mayor Sanders, Lou Spisto, CEO, The Old Globe, 4<sup>th</sup> District Community members, and numerous supporters of arts and culture at the opening of the Old Globe's new 42,000 square-foot Technical Center located in the 4<sup>th</sup> District community of Encanto.** The Old Globe will be working with schools and organizations in the community to develop a comprehensive internship program. This program will allow youth to work alongside artisans who design, build, and finish scenery for plays produced at the Old Globe Theatre. Education and outreach programs which encourage reading, professional development, and involvement in live theatre will also be a part of the Old Globe's efforts in the District. I commend, congratulate, and welcome the Old Globe to its new home in the 4<sup>th</sup> District.

**On Friday February 1, 2008 the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Kuumba Fest-Black To Spirituality: Form & Power will be held at 6:00 p.m at the Lyceum Theatre in Horton Plaza.** Kuumba Fest is a celebration which honors community leaders and resources, celebrates cultural heritage, and acclaims the strong African Family. It is held annually during African American History Awareness Month and is produced by the Urban Warriors at Youth4rce and the African American Council at the Lyceum Theatre in Horton Plaza. For additional information, please contact Daj-ahn Blevins at (619) 527-4895 and/or Wendy Dorsey (619) 463-1752.

**On Friday, February 8, 2008 the 4th Annual DreamBuilder Gala** celebrating Community Housing Works 25th Silver Anniversary will be held at the Prado in Balboa Park. For additional information, please call (619) 282-6647, ext. 304 or visit [www.chworks.org](http://www.chworks.org).

**On Saturday, February 9, 2008 the Fourth Annual Multi-Cultural Celebration of Life Awards Dinner Banquet** presented by The Palavra Tree will be held at Bayview Baptist Church's MLK Center. For more information please call (619) 263-7768.



**Friends of San Diego Public Library, Valencia Park/Malcolm X Chapter**

Kicks off the Check-Out-A-Book-Campaign. Help improve circulation-Check out a book today! Help increase staffing for quality service. Adopt the “BBBB” spirit: “Become a Better Book Borrower.” Join the Check-Out-A-Book-Campaign 5148 Market Street. Check out a book today!

**I am pleased to announce that my Council Representative Intern Roosevelt Williams III has been selected to serve as a Program Assistant for Presidential Classroom in Washington D.C.** He will be leaving in February to participate in this (3) month program. Roosevelt will be job shadowing key dignitaries and focusing on the areas of Law Justice and Human Rights, Global Health and the Environment, Science Technology and Public Policy, Intelligence and National Security, Communication and Journalism, and Art and Architecture of the Nation’s Capital.

While at Presidential Classroom Roosevelt will participate in briefings from senior officials in the executive branch, members of congress, senior military officials, leaders of federal departments, cabinet officials, leading economist, historians, and scientist. This is a wonderful opportunity for this young man from the 4<sup>th</sup> District to experience and participate in legislative, judicial and executive branches of our nation. He is to be commended and congratulated for this outstanding achievement.

**The California Reinvestment Coalition has provided a list of key contacts for organizations that 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

**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.

**FREE Community Cleanup and Recycling Event in the Lomita Community**

will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2008 from 8:00am-1:00pm. Environmental Services Department will bring several 40-cubic yard bins to your neighborhood to collect your discards, including recyclables and non-recyclables. Separate waste and recyclables and bring to Lomita area. Arrive early! For cleanup event information, call Officer Michael Flores at (858) 627-3314.

**FREE Mini-Community Cleanup and Recycling Event in the Paradise Hills**

**Community** will be held on Wednesday, February 6, 2008. Separate waste and metals and place at point of regular trash collection by 8:00am. For cleanup event information, call Officer Michael Flores at (858) 627-3314.

**FREE Mini-Community Cleanup and Recycling Event in the Skyline Com-**

**munity** will be held on Wednesday, February 20, 2008. Separate waste and metals and place at point of regular trash collection by 8:00am. For cleanup event information, call Officer Michael Flores at (858) 627-3314

**The City of San Diego's Environment Services Department conducts special community cleanup events in neighborhoods throughout the City.**

Areas are selected for these events based upon citizen request, pledges of community involvement and previous citizen participation levels. Please feel free to call Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer Alejandro Alvarado at (858) 627-3317 if you would like to request a clean-up in your area and/or if you have questions.



## COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

**In the Fourth District, the purpose for community councils is to give neighbors a chance to come together to share and update one another with what is new in the community. The leadership of being the President of a particular community council takes commitment and does not go unnoticed.**

With that said, I would like to congratulate Andre Binns on his newly elected position as the President for the Paradise Hill Recreation Council. Special thanks to James Marler, the Outgoing President for all your hard work and dedication. I am excited to work with the Paradise Hills community in the upcoming year!

*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:

**Greater Skyline Hills Town Council** will meet Monday, February 4, 2008 at 6:00p.m at United Church of Christ, 5810 Alleghany Street (Derrick White staffs this meeting)

**Paradise Hills Neighborhood Watch Council** will meet Monday, February 4, 2008 at 7:00p.m at United Church of Christ, 5810 Alleghany Street (Liezl Mangonon staffs this meeting)

**Paradise Hills Rec. Council** will meet Thursday, February 7, 2008 at 6:00p.m at Penn Athletic Field, 6610 Potomac Street (Liezl Mangonon staffs this meeting)

**Mt. Hope** will meet Thursday, February 7, 2008 at 6:30p.m at Macedonia Baptist Church, 625 Quail Street (Venus Molina staffs this meeting)

**Valencia Park Town Council** will meet Thursday, February 7, 2008 at 6:30p.m at Valencia Park Elementary, 5880 Skyline Drive (Derrick White staffs this meeting)



**Oak Park Community Council** will meet Thursday, February 7, 2008 at 7:00p.m at Oak Park School Auditorium, 2606 54<sup>th</sup> Street (Jimmie Slack 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](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> District representative on a particular Board and/or Commission.

## **SAVE THIS DATE:**

**FREE CLASS for Spring 2008 Library Courses on African American Cultural Exposure A Legacy of Resistance and Resilience** will be held on February 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2008 at the Malcolm X Library from 6:00pm-8:00pm. The topic is Harlem Renaissance's Cultural and Political Nationalism. For enrollment contact the Department of Africana Studies at (619) 594-6531. For college credit contact Dr. Shirley Weber at (619) 594-6550. For more information contact Mr. Marc Chery at (619) 527-3405.

**The Youth Entrepreneur Program Workshop** will be held February 16, & February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 at Mountain View Community Center 641 South Boundary Street from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Learn how to write a business and financial plan, marketing, balancing and maintaining your cash flow. Learn how to develop the necessary skills to increase your income, and how to eliminate competition. For additional information or to register please call Lorraine at, (619) 281-3312.



**Walter J. Porter Educational & Community Foundation presents Jazz & Black Art Showcase** Celebrate Black History Month at the Showcase benefiting Porter Elementary School, February 23, 2008 from 12:00pm-5:00pm at Walter J. Porter Elementary School located at 445 S. 47<sup>th</sup> Street. For more information contact Yvette Porter at (619) 618-2037.

**The San Diego Workforce Partnership** will have their Workforce Summit 2008 “Convening Leaders, Confronting Reality” with Featured Speaker: Chip Heath, Co-Author of the Bestselling “Made to Stick”, on Thursday, March 31, 2008 at 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the San Diego Convention Center.

**Teachers Use Art to Educate Children on Water Conservation** The City of San Diego Water Department’s Eighth Annual Water Conservation Poster Contest will be accepting entries through Wednesday, March 26, 2008. All public, private, and home-school teachers can use art to teach their students about the benefits of water conservation, and enter the Water Conservation Poster Contest. Additional information about the Contest and entry form are available online at [www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation](http://www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation). For more information, call The City of San Diego Water Department at (619) 533-5312.

**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](mailto:anthonyyoung@sandiego.gov).

