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DISTRICT FOUR

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Councilmember Young and Paul Seave, Director of the Governor's Office of Gang and Youth Violence Policy addresses the media announcing more than \$1.6 million in competitive grants awarded from the Governor's office to the City of San Diego and community-based organizations for gang prevention, intervention and enforcement.

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

On Tuesday, March 4, 2008 the San Diego City Council approved contracts to pave over 97 miles of streets in communities throughout the city. The funds approved by the Council are for (1) of (3) rounds of street maintenance contracts that will be funded for 2008. Miles of streets in neighborhoods of the 4th District will be paved or repaved. Over \$4.1 million will be used for streets in the 4th District during 2008.

On Tuesday, March 4, 2008 the San Diego City Council approved allocating \$975,000 to the "Home in the Heights Homebuyer Assistance Program". The goal of the program is to assist low and moderate income residents who are trying to buy a home in the City Heights community planning area which includes the 3rd Council District, 7th Council District, and parts of the 4th Council District. Residents who are seeking to become 1st time home-buyers with a household income of 100% of the San Diego area median income or less may qualify for a silent second loan amount of up to \$30,000. Principle and interest is forgivable over the (20) year period of the loan



if the participant remains an owner occupant of the home and does not refinance the first mortgage debt without permission of the City Redevelopment Agency. This is a wonderful opportunity for low and moderate income families seeking to buy a home.

On Wednesday, March 5, 2008 the Committee On Public Safety and Neighborhood Services will meet at 2:00 p.m. to hear and discuss the following agenda items: 1. Report from Customer Services on how the City is responding to citizen complaints; 2. Report on the San Diego Police Department's Critical Incident Management; 3. Report on city-wide library facilities and programs; 4. Report from the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention's strategic plans; and 5. Report from the City Attorney regarding the feasibility of giving communities an option to establish Youth Improvement Districts. As Chairman of the Committee I invite you to join me and my fellow Council members at the meeting. If you need additional information, please contact Lea Fields, Committee Consultant at (619) 236-7180

On Monday, March, 3 2008 Paul Seave, Director of the Governor's Office of Gang and Youth Violence Policy announced the award of \$1,609,788 in competitive grants to the City of San Diego and community-based organizations for gang prevention, intervention and enforcement. These grants are part of the Governor's California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention Initiative and will be used in the target areas of Southeastern and Mid-City communities including the 4th District communities of Chollas View, Encanto, Lincoln Park, Paradise Hills, Skyline, Southcrest and Valencia Park. Funds will be used to expand recreation center hours, assist youth with getting jobs, develop and conduct specialized diversion activities for youth, assist staff in development of projects and skills to identify at-risk youth, attract and retain youth in prevention and diversionary activities, and provide role modeling and mentorship to participants at City recreation centers.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

Councilmember Young and the District Attorney's Office will be co-hosting a Consumer Fraud Workshop on Thursday, March 6, 2008 from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. at the Malcolm X Library located at 5148 Market St. Community members will have the opportunity to listen to presentations on how to avoid becoming the victim of mortgage fraud and other consumer fraud including home repairs, vehicle repairs and purchasing goods and services. The workshop will of-



fer on-site assistance and information from the Consumer Fraud Task Force Member agencies which include California Attorney General's Office, San Diego District Attorney's Office, San Diego City Attorney's Office, Better Business Bureau, Public Utilities Commission, Dept. of Motor Vehicles and Postal Inspector.

On Sunday March, 9, 2008 the San Diego Organizing Project will kick-off "2008 ~ Year of Our Youth". Please join them as they pray and launch a year of commitment to hope and opportunity for our youth beginning at 2:30 p.m. at St. Jude Shrine of the West, 1129 S. 38th St. San Diego, CA 92113. For more information please call (619) 285-0797.

Apply Now! San Diego Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation 2008 Scholarships for graduating high school seniors in the San Diego City Schools/San Diego Unified School District. Four Scholarships available; two for \$7,500.00 each and two for \$5,000.00 each. Application deadline is March 28, 2008. Application available online at: www.carterreese.com, click on community service or see your high school counselor. If you have any questions please contact Mary Hubbard at (619) 463-1702.

The San Diego Cesar E. Chavez Commemorative Committee & Alliant International University present: The First Annual Cesar E. Chavez Community College Essay Contest First Place Winner: \$5,000.00 Second Place Winner: \$2,500.00. For more information please call Guadalupe Corona at (858) 635-4435 or email cesarchavez@alliant.edu or visit <http://cesarchavez.alliant.edu>. Deadline for postmarked entries is Friday March 14, 2008.

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. For more information, call The City of San Diego Water Department at (619) 533-5312.

On Monday, March 10, 2008, featured conversationalist: Fatemeh Mohammadi will speak on : "Informal Conversations on Muslim Issues and Perspectives in San Diego" The Malcolm X Library and the UCSD Ethic Studies Department are pleased to offer the San Diego community a four-part, "Ethnic Diversity



in San Diego County” Educational Series at the Malcolm X Library. Scholars, students, community activists and civic leaders come together to explore ethnic diversity in the City of San Diego, and beyond, from multiple perspectives. The sessions will be held from 6:30pm-8:00pm.

Explore the Possibilities for San Diego’s Civic Center Complex Public Discussion Sessions: Saturday, March 15, at the Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street, San Diego, CA 92114. This is your opportunity to provide input on proposed plans to build a new city hall and other office complexes on the downtown civic center plaza site. For more information visit www.ccdc.com and click on the Civic Center Complex link.

The Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca College will be hosting the “California Friendly Plant Sale” on Saturday, March 15, 2008 starting at 9 am-3pm at 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West, El Cajon, CA. This is a free admission event. There will be activities for kids, conservation tips, garden lectures and tours, compost demonstrations and bin sale, for more information call (619) 660-0614 ext. 10

Beginning March 1, 2008 the City of San Diego Water and Wastewater Departments will be returning to billing water and sewer customers every two months. The Departments had been billing customers on a monthly basis since 2003; however that practice resulted in numerous complaints of inaccurate water and sewer bills due to estimating usage. Billing every two months will allow for accurate meter reading reflected on your bills. Customers receiving bills in March will not receive their next bill until May. Customers who received their bills in February will receive their next bill in April. If your next water bill seems high, please be sure to check that it is covering a two month period before you call for an explanation.

San Diego County will be hosting its 5th Annual California Friendly Landscape Contest, for more information on the contest, go to www.landscapecontest.com or call (619) 660-0614. Contestants can win up to \$500 gift certificate to an area nursery, an honorary paver at the Water Conservation Garden, just fill in your entry form, the deadline is April 7, 2008.

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. Special community cleanup events areas are selected based upon citizen requests, 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.

At the February 6, 2008 community clean-up held in the 4th District community of North Bay Terrace, a total of 8.52 tons of waste was collected, 7.44 tons were non-recyclables and 1.08 tons of recyclable materials consisting of metals and appliances were collected from the neighborhood. Ms. Tangie DeBerry, North Bay Terrace community members, and the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department and Michael Flores, are commended for their assistance and support.

At the February 13, 2008 community clean-up held in the 4th District community of Paradise Hills, a total of 9.66 tons of waste was collected, 9.12 tons were non-recyclables and .54 tons of recyclable materials consisting of metals and appliances were collected from the neighborhood. Paradise Hills community members, and the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department and Michael Flores, are commended for their assistance and support.

A Free Mini-Community Cleanup and Recycling Event will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2008. For location and cleanup information, please call Officer Michael Flores at (858) 627-3314.

There will be a Curb-Side Trash Pickup in the Oak Park Community on Saturday, March 8, 2008. All items must be on the curb by 8 am. The boundaries for pickup will be: 54th Street on the west side, to Chollas Parkway on the north, to Chollas Road on the west, and Krenning Street and Olive Street on the south.

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:

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

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

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

Oak Park Community Council will meet Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 7:00p.m at Oak Park School Auditorium, 2606 54th 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 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:

Join UC San Diego Extension, where there's always something new, as we celebrate and educate the community at our **Spring 2008 Open House** event this Thursday, March 20, 2008 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the Price Center Ballroom, UC San Diego Campus. Get involved and informed with local and international



non-profits, network with cause-oriented companies, discover new career paths!
For more information call (858) 534-3400.

Broadway Heights Community Council Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on March 29, 2008 from 7:00am-11:00am at the Mountain View Community Center 641 S. Boundary St. \$5 Bring the whole family!

Southeastern Little League Baseball Opening Day will be Saturday April 5 at 10:00am. 4200 Keeler Ave. San Diego, CA 92113. Registration Dates: Saturday, February 23, March 1 & 8, 2008 from 11:00am-2:00pm at Southcrest Park.

The National Black Contractors Association's National Summit and 26th Anniversary Gala "Beyond Civil Rights and Affirmative Action" will be held on on April 18, 2008 at the National Headquarters of BCA in the City of San Diego, located at 6125 Imperial Ave. For more information please contact, Abdur-Rahim Hameed (619) 865-9057 or Janiece of the Black Contractors Association of California, RSVP at (619) 263-9791 or (619) 723-4885.

The Coalition for Neighborhood Councils will be hosting a Residential Care Facilities Forum on April 26, 2008 at 11:00am at 415 S. Euclid Ave. Please RSVP Bruce Williams at bruce@cncsandiego.org or Franco Garcia at (619) 325-3580 x403.

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.

