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DISTRICT FOUR

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Councilman Tony Young presents a commendation to Marie Angie de la Cruz, International Outreach Coordinator with the Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation for the exemplary work with the 2009 Fiesta Filipina celebration event.

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

The Council this week approved using set aside funds from the Southeastern Economic Development Corporation for the Housing Enhancement Loan Program (HELP). The HELP program is designed to assist low and moderate income homeowners living in the 4th and 8th district areas within SEDC's jurisdiction. The loans are potentially up to \$35,000 and must be used for home repairs. For more information and to determine your eligibility, please call (619) 578-7521.

Congratulations to Jennifer Badgely. The Council approved her nomination by the Mayor as the Labor Organization's representative for the City's Sustainable Energy Advisory Board. A 4th District resident, Jennifer works as an Organizer and Political Director of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 569.



I am proud to update the citizens of San Diego on my work as the Chair of the City's Budget and Finance Committee:

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A budget San Diegans asked us for

By Tony Young

This is a new San Diego City Council dedicated to being fiscally responsible and willing to make the very tough choices and decisions that keep our city moving forward.

When my fellow City Council members selected me as chairman of the council's Budget and Finance Committee, I was committed to ensuring that our out-dated budget process would change so that the people of San Diego and the City Council would have sufficient time to provide input to the mayor before he proposed a budget. In January, with the strong support of all council members, "San Diego Speaks," a series of public meetings designed to hear from the community on what they wanted in the city's budget, was launched.

It was also very clear that the national and local economy was not performing in a business-as-usual manner and this, too, had to be reflected in any budget decisions we would have to make.

Last week, the mayor presented us with a proposed \$3 billion budget for 2010 that included recommendations he received from the public during San Diego Speaks. The communities of District 4 spoke out loud and clear at the first San Diego Speaks meeting. They did not want any libraries or park and recreation centers closed or hours reduced; they wanted strong public safety maintained; they wanted their streets maintained; they wanted us to fix our pension system; and they wanted this mayor and council to be fiscally responsible in doing so. Their voices were quickly and loudly joined by a chorus of voices from every City Council district where a San Diego Speaks session was held, as well as residents from throughout the city who participated in the meetings.

I am pleased to see that the mayor's proposed budget does not close any libraries or park and recreation centers. His budget also provides for funding for streets and infrastructure improvements. It includes \$181.6 million for required retirement benefits and an additional \$13 million for public safety. It is very clear that the mayor heard the voices of San Diego and proposed a budget that includes some of their suggestions.

We all know the economy is bad. The main revenues the city relies on to provide programs and services including property taxes, sales taxes and tourist taxes are either significantly down or show a very small increase. This trend is expected to continue into the next two to three years.

As I stated earlier, this is the mayor's proposed budget. It is now in the hands of the City Council and public to review it and make additions or deletions that are reflective of strong fiscal responsibility, provision of quality city services, and grounded in the fact that we are looking at a potential \$100 million or more budget deficit in 2011.

The council will begin its public budget deliberations on April 29 and continue through May and June



until we have an adopted budget that takes effect on July 1. During this process, I will be looking for, and proposing, additional cost-saving and efficiency measures. I will be asking my fellow council members to join me in beginning a two-year budget process that calls for the mayor and staff to review and bring to the council for implementation, several of the recommendations made by the community, city unions and the private sector during San Diego Speaks that are currently not reflected in the proposed budget.

This is a new San Diego City Council dedicated to being fiscally responsible and willing to make the very tough choices and decisions that keep our city moving forward. This is a new day and a new way of doing city budget business.

I will begin a new series of San Diego Speaks community meetings on the 2011 budget in September. Despite the dire economic predictions, this City Council is committed to not letting San Diego become a third-class city. We are all in this together and with the support of everyone, we will all make wise decisions that balance the city's budget and provide the quality services that maintain and improve the quality of life of all San Diegans.

Young, who represents San Diego's 4th Council District, is chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee.

ECONOMIC UPDATES FOR YOU AND THE COMMUNITY:

I am very pleased to provide you with the following information on programs for employment of youth, young adults and loan programs for small business assistance.

2009 Hire-A-Youth Summer Employment Program: As part of the recent American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the Department of Labor has allocated funds for summer work-readiness training and paid work experience for youth ages 14 to 24. The Hire-A-Youth Program will take place between May 1st and September 30th and will match youth and young adults with employment opportunities at local city, county, non-profit and businesses in areas such as service, technology, environmental preservation, medicine, recreation and more. The Hire-A-Youth Program will provide between 120 and 240 hours of paid work experience for eligible youth. To be eligible for enrollment into the Hire-A-Youth program, applicants must be able to verify the following:

- Low Income Eligibility (for specific income requirements, contact the program operator directly – see below)
- Age 14 to 24
- San Diego County Residency
- Right to work in the United States
- Selective Service Registration for males ages 18 and older.

Below is contact information of organizations, by region, that will operate the summer Hire-A-Youth Programs:

Coalition of Neighborhood Councils – This program will provide placements in the following fields: Community Service, Construction Trades and Green jobs, and Social and Entrepreneurial Ventures. For more information, please email cnc@cncsandiego.org.

San Diego Unified School District – This program will provide services at six high schools: Morse, Madison, San Diego, Hoover, Crawford, and Lincoln. The programs will align with each school's career focus. For more information, please call the Hire-A-Youth Program at (858) 627-7366.

ACCESS – will provide services to youth from zip codes 92101, 92110, 92111, 92113, and 92123 including Kearny, Clairemont, Madison, Serra, and Henry high schools. For more information, please contact Jessica Zogaib at (858) 560-0871.

San Diego Futures Foundation – This program will provide placements in City Heights and surrounding areas. Internships are focused on assisting organizations with utilizing technology. For more information, please contact Tracie Umbreit at tracie@sdfutures.org or (619) 269-1684 ext. 204.

Metro United Methodist Urban Ministry – will provide opportunities in the Urban Green Program. For more information, please call (619) 285-5556.

After meeting with Ruben Garcia, District Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), I am pleased to announce to the small business owners of District 4 and San Diego, that the SBA has received funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to provide “Business Stabilization Loans” in the amount of \$35,000! Loan requirements include no payment on the loans for 12 months and five-year repayment plans. The loans also have an unprecedented 100% guarantee from the Federal Government. These loans are to help small businesses during these difficult economic times. For more information please contact the local SBA office at (619) 557-7250 or www.sba.gov.

Communities and businesses from throughout the District and City have been asking the question, Where is San Diego's Stimulus Package Money? I asked Mayor Sanders to create a city web-site that provides up-to-date information on the economic stimulus package that includes what funds are coming to the city, how they will be used, and what funds the city is applying for. I commend and thank Mayor Sanders for accepting my suggestion. It is my understanding that this “Stimulus Tracking” web-site will be up and running next week. I will keep you informed on how to link to it and what funds and projects coming before the Council for approval.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW

Urban League of San Diego presents the 20th Annual Barbara E. Webbs Diversity Works and Career Opportunity Exchange event, on Thursday, April 23, 2009, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at the San Diego Concourse, Golden Hall, 202 C Street in downtown San Diego. The event, the longest running and largest of its kind in the county, will inform attendees about the various social services and education and training programs available in the county, and give attendees the opportunity to meet with prospective employers. For more information, contact Maurice Wilson at (619) 266-6244 or maurice@sdul.org.

San Diego Y.A.B presents the So-Cal Classic Greek Step Show Competition, Saturday, April 25, 2009, at Golden Hall (202 C Street); doors open at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 presale and \$15 at the door. Get your tickets online at www.sandiegoyab.org, Imperial Barber Shop (6337 Imperial Ave.) or ZZZZZ in Westfield Mall Plaza Bonita. For more information please contact (619) 655-1198, info@sandiegoyab.org or visit www.sandiegoyab.org.

California Family Soap Box Derby Assoc. presents the All American Soapbox Derby, Saturday, April 25, 2009 beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Skyline Drive, just east of 61st Street, San Diego CA 92114. Join us in beautiful San Diego for those last few rally points of the year– or to get some seat time before your local championship race. For more info please contact Paul Jones at (619) 264-6870 or pj@pazzaz.org.

Your help is needed! The 25th Annual Children’s Book Party will be held on Saturday April 25, 2009 at 8:30 am, at the Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park. Thousands of youth from throughout San Diego will receive free books and participate in various activities designed to encourage and improve their reading skills. Your support and help in making this 25th annual event a success is appreciated. Please contact Roosevelt Brown at 266-4118 for additional information on how you can help or you can e-mail: Read4thefuture@aol.com.

Rotarians at Work Day, Saturday, April 25, 2009. Volunteers are invited to work with the Rotary Club of Southeast San Diego on any of the four community clean-up projects (Baker Elementary, Knox Elementary and Paradise Canyon). For more information or to sign up contact Dianne Crawford at (619) 267-0893 or sesdrotary@yahoo.com.

Support a Concert for a Cause! Anthony McGill performed in front of millions at President Barack Obama’s Inauguration, now he’s coming to San Diego to perform for you on Saturday, May 16, 2009 at 7:00 pm at Lincoln High School Center. All proceeds raised will benefit Lincoln’s Arts Program.

Mayor Jerry Sanders will be briefing the public on his proposed Budget for FY 2010 and taking your questions on the Budget:

Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at 6:00 pm	CD 8	Otay Mesa– Nestor Branch Library 3003 Coronado Avenue, San Diego 92154
Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 6:00 pm	CD 6	Clairemont High School Auditorium 4150 Ute Drive, San Diego 92117
Monday, April 27, 2009 at 6:00 pm	CD 7	Lewis Middle School Auditorium 5170 Greenbrier Avenue, San Diego 92120
Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 6:00 pm	CD 5	Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch Library 10301 Scripps Lake Dr., San Diego 92131

The City of San Diego, Environmental Services Department, in conjunction with SDG&E's Emerging Technology Division, is soliciting public input on the quality of new street lighting technology. We need about 100 volunteers to participate in the lighting survey scheduled next Tuesday April 28, 2009 from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., **location to be determined**. Please reply no later than Thursday, April 23rd to the City Environmental Services Department at Energy@SanDiego.gov and include your NAME, PHONE NUMBER and ZIP CODE, and the number of people participating. They will get back to you with more details.

Surveyors will walk less than one mile. Snacks and water will be provided. The first 100 volunteers will be eligible for eight (8) \$25 gift card drawings. If you have questions, please call (858) 492-6005.

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 event 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.

Free Community Clean-Ups and Recycling Events provided by the City of San Diego and the Environmental Services Department :

- **Skyline Area:** Wednesday, April 29, 2009, 8:00 am. Contact Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer Alejandro Alvarado at (858) 627-3317 for more information.
- **Encanto/Valencia Park Area:** Wednesday, May 6, 2009, 8:00 am. Contact Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer Chris Penman at (858) 492-6027 for more information.
- **Broadway Heights Area:** Saturday, may 9, 2009, 8:00 am. Contact Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer Chris Penman at (858) 492-6027 for more information.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

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 have any questions.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Date	Community	Time	Location	Staff
4/23/09	Skyline Hills Rec. Council	6:00 p.m.	Skyline Rec. (8285 Skyline Dr.)	Roosevelt Williams III
4/23/09	Alta Vista Community Council	6:30 p.m.	Nye Elementary (981 S. Valencia Pkwy)	Liezl Mangonon
4/23/09	Broadway Heights Community Council	7:00 p.m.	6759 Charlene Ave.	Venus Molina
4/27/09	Coalition of Neighborhood Councils	6:00 p.m.	Jacobs Center (404 Euclid Ave.)	Jimmie Slack
4/27/09	Southeastern Planning Committee	7:00 p.m.	Neighborhood House Assoc. (841 S. 41 st St.)	Bruce Williams
4/28/09	Willie Henderson Rec. Council	6:00 p.m.	Willie Henderson Rec. Center (1035 S. 45 th St.)	Roosevelt Williams III
4/28/09	Chollas View Neighborhood Council	6:00 p.m.	Tubman Chavez Center (415 Euclid Ave.)	Liezl Mangonon
4/28/09	Chollas Lake Recreation Council	7:00 p.m.	Holy Spirit Catholic Church (2755 55 th St)	Venus Molina

SAVE THIS DATE:

United African American Ministerial Action Council (UAAMAC) presents, A Pre-Mother's Day Private Cruise on the San Diego Bay "SHARE SPECIAL TIME WITH THOSE MOTHERS IN YOUR LIFE" Saturday, May 2, 2009, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Violet Sears at (619) 264-1213. Please RSVP by April 27, 2009.

Diversity Day Fair Tribute to Cinco De Mayo: A Health Fair and a Career Fair All-in-One Wednesday, May 6, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Joe and Vi Jacobs Center (404 Euclid Avenue). For more information please contact (619) 277-9099 or visit www.diversitysolutions.us.

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.