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**DISTRICT FOUR**

**DECEMBER 10, 2009 WEEKLY UPDATE**



*Councilman Young convenes the final SAN DIEGO SPEAKS at the Joe & Vi Jacobs Center on December 8th.*



I would like to thank my constituents and the citizens of San Diego for participating in SAN DIEGO SPEAKS.

- Tony Young

## COUNCIL ACTIONS

On Wednesday, December 9, 2009, the San Diego City Council voted to approve Mayor Sanders' proposal to address an over \$180 million budget deficit for fiscal year 2011 which begins July, 2010.

The Council's actions are but one step in a process and strategy needed to stop this insane spiral of making budget reductions each year until we are at a point of diminishing returns. The Mayor's current budget proposal could have included city facility closures and massive layoffs, however it does not -- **this time!** There is still approximately a \$90 million budget deficit we will have to address over the next 18 months. We are now in the middle of a budget process we began in October of this year and will continue through 2010. The process does not and will not stop with our votes in December. The Council also approved, as part of the budget package, my motion to have the Mayor, Independent Budget Analyst (IBA), and Council implement a Strategic Plan designed to eliminate our structural deficit to the greatest extent possible within the next 18 months. The Strategic Plan is to include implementation of feasible recommendations from the Mayor, Council, Unions, and citizens of San Diego via SAN DIEGO SPEAKS and citizen's commissions. Development of, and actions on the Strategic Plan are to begin in January, 2010 at the meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee. The Council also approved 24 additional recommendations from the Council's IBA in the areas of programmatic budget reductions, monitoring of service level impacts, citizen input, and structural reforms.

**On Thursday, December 3, 2009, I, along with Mayor Sanders announced the availability of \$18 million in contracting opportunities for small businesses in San Diego.** This is an effort to engage more small construction firms in city public works projects through the City's *Under \$1 Million* campaign.

We launched the city's new web site that will help small contractors take advantage of business opportunities on city public works projects. The website will keep small businesses aware of bid opportunities as well as resources the city offers. San Diego has opportunities for small contractors including plumbers, electricians, landscapers, concrete contractors and environmental monitoring firms.

For more information on the program including how to register, please visit my website at [www.sandiego.gov/cd4](http://www.sandiego.gov/cd4) and click on the link to the Small Contracts site.

**On Tuesday, December 7, 2009, the San Diego City Council approved \$1.3 million in funding for the Housing Enhancement Loan Program (HELP).**

Loans are available to homeowners living in or near a redevelopment project area, including the 4<sup>th</sup> District's Southeastern Economic Development Corporation (SEDC), and whose gross household income does not exceed 100 percent of the San Diego Area Median Income. HELP funds come from redevelopment project area housing set-aside funds, and the program is administered by the San Diego Housing Commission on behalf of the Redevelopment Agency. These one-time loans, which range from \$5,000 to \$30,000, have an annual simple interest of three percent and are forgivable over 10 years.

The homeowners must live in the home during the term of the loan.

The Redevelopment Agency created HELP as part of an overall redevelopment program to increase, improve and preserve the supply of low- and moderate- income housing occupied by persons and families of extremely low-, very low-, low-, and moderate- income within the redevelopment project areas and the surrounding neighborhoods. The program is actively being marketed and implemented and has been very successful and some project areas are in need of additional funds to assist more homeowners due to the high demand for these loans.

### **Street Improvements Approved**

On Monday, December 7, 2009, the San Diego City Council approved plans for nearly \$12 million in citywide street improvements. The improvements will involve asphalt overlays on roads in every community of the Fourth District. This is the first group of street resurfacings for 2010 with more to come. Please be prepared to experience minor inconveniences while the improvements are being implemented.

## **YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW**

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the Fiscal Year 2011 (July 2010 - June 2011) are now available.** There are four separate application forms available for this application process. The four application categories are as follows:

- Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)
- Public Services Projects
- Community/Economic Development Projects
- Community-Based Development Organization (CBDO)

**Three ways to obtain a copy of an application:**

1. A hard copy of the application can be downloaded and printed from the web site: [www.sandiego.gov/cdbg](http://www.sandiego.gov/cdbg). Click on the "Applications, Forms and Regulations" tab.
2. Request for the application to be sent electronically from the CDBG Office.
3. Pick up a hard copy at the CDBG Office located at 1200 Third Ave. San Diego, CA 92101.

**Mandatory workshop for technical assistance will take place now through December 17, 2009. Please refer to the CDBG website for dates, times and locations.**

**The application deadline is January 6, 2010 at 5:00 pm.**

For further questions regarding the application process, contact the CDBG Office at (619) 236-6476 or [cdbg@sandiego.gov](mailto:cdbg@sandiego.gov).

**An African American Perspective on Positive Strategies to Help Children with ADHA, at home and at school will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2009** from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Tubman Chavez Center (415 Euclid Ave.) The Harold J. Ballard Parent Center is offering a series of free evening classes for parents along with the Journey to Academic Success: Project Ujima. For more information, please contact Elneda Shannon at (619) 293-4431.

**Community Actors Theatre proudly presents *THE MESSIAH* that will run December 10-20, 2009** at the Community Actors Theatre (2957 54th Street). Show times are Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m., and Sunday Matinees at 3:00 p.m. Admission is \$12 for Seniors/Students/Military/Disabled and \$14 General Admission. To reserve tickets, call (619) 264-3391 or reserve online at [www.communityactorstheatre.com](http://www.communityactorstheatre.com). Tickets are also available at ARTS TIX at Horton Plaza.



**National Black Contractors Association presents the BCA Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 15, 2009** from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the BCA Office (6125 Imperial Ave.) The Business Mixer and Open House - 2009 BCA Supporters Recognition, will feature the Small Business Contract Opportunities and Recognition Awards. For more information and to RSVP, call (619) 263-9791.

**The Fourth District Seniors Resource Center will hold their 12th Annual Parade of Christmas Lights Tour on Thursday, December 17, 2009** from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Enjoy the holiday lights of the Hotel del Coronado, El Cajon, Federal Blvd. and 49<sup>th</sup> Street. The tour will depart from the George L. Stevens Senior Community Center (570 S. 65th St). Fare is \$8.00 per occupied seat. For more information call (619) 266-2066.

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Spirit of the Unity Celebration will be held on Friday, December 18, 2009** from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. on the Plaza of Market Creek Plaza. For more information, call (619) 527-6161. Celebrate the season in District 4!

**Southeastern Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) will host their Holiday Open House on Wednesday, December 23, 2009** from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the SEDC (4393 Imperial Ave.) RSVP not necessary.

**The Jackie Robinson Family YMCA provides free tutoring to students on Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** In addition to free tutoring, students will have access to a computer lab. The program is open to students in grades 1st through 12th. For more information or if you would like to become a tutor contact Arlene Alvarez, Program Assistant at (619) 264-0144 or email to [arlene.alvarez@gmail.com](mailto:arlene.alvarez@gmail.com) or [aaarancia@ymca.org](mailto:aaarancia@ymca.org).

**Financial assistance still available for the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA Winter Youth Sports program.** This winter, they are offering basketball, soccer, and RBI/baseball. The seasonal fee includes a uniform, practices twice a week, eight games and an award. All-Star Weekend begins January 9, 2010. For more information, visit: [www.jackierobinson.ymca.org](http://www.jackierobinson.ymca.org).

**The San Diego Food Bank is hosting its annual Holiday Food Drive thru December to provide food for those less fortunate this holiday season.** Please drop-off non-perishable food items in their famous red barrels at grocery stores throughout the county, or food can be delivered directly to the San Diego Food Bank warehouse: 9850 Distribution Avenue, San Diego 92121.

Food raised from the Holiday Food Drive will be distributed to people in need through churches, food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, low-income daycare centers, rehabilitation programs and senior centers.



Many 4<sup>th</sup> District residents and families are currently receiving much needed food at the Food Banks distribution site located at the Tubman Chavez Center (415 Euclid Ave.) Please call (619) 325-3580 for food distribution days and times.

**Navy ROTC Scholarships are now available.** Get your tuition, books and lab fees paid at over 150 top college and universities along with being commissioned as a Naval Officer upon graduation. Schools in California include USD, UCLA and USC. Applications can be found online at [www.nrotc.navy.mil](http://www.nrotc.navy.mil). For more information contact the NROTC Scholarship Office at (858) 537-8044.

**Neighborhood Unity Foundation Grants Program:** The Neighborhood Unity Foundation (NUF), in collaboration with San Diego Neighborhood Funders, is pleased to announce the 2010 - 2011 NUF Grants Program for the residents of Southeastern San Diego. Questions about who can apply, where to apply, how much you can apply for and what the requirements are can be answered at the **Orientation Meeting which will be held on September 8, 2010.** For meeting times and locations contact Maslah Farah at (619) 527-6161 ext.158 or visit the NUF Office (404 Euclid Ave.) **The deadlines for applications are December 15, 2009 and June 21, 2010.**

**The Environmental Services Department's (ESD) Christmas Tree Recycling Program will begin be held December 26, 2009 until January 23, 2010.** Now in its 36<sup>th</sup> year, the program has been selected by the Solid Waste Association of North America and the National Christmas Tree Association as one of the best tree recycling programs in the nation. EDS will provide informational fliers and posters to various locations throughout the City including libraries and park and recreation centers. You can visit [www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services](http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services) to get information for call Pauline Priest at (858) 492-5016.

**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.



## **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](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. Councilman Young is seeking qualified individuals to nominate for service on the following Boards and/or Commissions.

## **COMMUNITY MEETINGS:**

<b>Community Meeting (District 4 Representative)</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Meeting Time</b>	<b>Meeting Location</b>
<b>Rosemont Town Council</b> (Roosevelt Williams III)	December 12	9:00 a.m.	TBD
<b>Southeastern Planning Committee</b> (Bruce Williams)	December 14	7:00 p.m.	Neighborhood House Association 841 S. 41st Street
<b>Skyline Hills Community Association</b> (Jimmie Slack)	December 15	10:30 a.m.	Morse High School (Room B-102) 6905 Skyline Drive
<b>Webster Community Council Meeting</b> (Jimmie Slack)	December 15	7:00 p.m.	Webster Elementary School 4801 Elm Street
<b>Mountain View Community Meeting</b> (Venus Molina)	December 16	6:00 p.m.	Mt. View Park & Recreation Ctr. 641 S. Boundary Street
<b>Martin Luther King Rec. Council</b> (Roosevelt Williams III)	December 17	12:00 p.m.	MLK Rec. Center 6401 Skyline Drive
<b>Lomita Village Town Council</b> (Venus Molina)	December 17	6:00 p.m.	Skyline Park & Rec. Center 8285 Skyline Drive

## **SAVE THIS DATE:**

**The United African American Ministerial Action Council (UAAMAC) will host the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Breakfast: *Building The Beloved Community* on Monday, January 18, 2010** at 7:00 a.m. at the Joe & Vi Jacobs Center (404 Euclid Ave.) For more information e-mail [jkidd@uaamac.com](mailto:jkidd@uaamac.com) or call (619) 264-1213.

**San Diego State University's Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon on Friday, January 22, 2010** from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at Montezuma Hall. Tickets are \$25 per person and tables are \$250. To reserve a table contact LaShae Collins at (619) 594-5341 on or before January 8, 2010. Sponsorship opportunities available.



**Sixth Annual Multi-Cultural Celebration of Life Awards Dinner hosted by The Palavra Tree will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2010** beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Joe and Vi Jacobs Center (404 Euclid Ave.) For more information call (619) 263-7768.

**YMCA of San Diego County will host its 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Dignity Awards Breakfast on Friday, January 15, 2010** at the Town and Country Resort in Mission Valley. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. Special guest speaker is the Rev. Samuel “Billy” Kyles from Monumental Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee. Enter the *Youth Poetry Contest* for this very special occasion. For more information on the Contest and event, please visit: [www.jackierobinson.ymca.org/english/index\\_special\\_evnts\\_mlk08.html](http://www.jackierobinson.ymca.org/english/index_special_evnts_mlk08.html).

**The United African American Ministerial Action Council (UAAMAC) will host the Summit II: Building the Beloved Community, Let's Do It! from February 19-20, 2010.** For additional information e-mail [jkidd@uaamac.com](mailto:jkidd@uaamac.com) or call (619) 264-1213.

**THANK YOU...**for reading my E-mail Message for the Week. If you would like to receive this E-mail on a regular basis or be removed from the mailing list, please e-mail me at [anthonyyoung@sandiego.gov](mailto:anthonyyoung@sandiego.gov).

*Have a blessed & safe  
Holiday Season!*

