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Councilman Young along with the entire City Council declare February 2010 as Black History Month in the City of San Diego. He is joined with some of San Diego's Black Pioneers including Pastor Floyd Brown; Pastor J.A. Blake, Jr.; Bishop Roy Dixon; Pastor Harry Ferrell; Pastor Joseph Foxworth; Elder Thomas Graham; Kathleen Harmon; Jewell Hooper; Ardelle Matthews; Dr. Robert Matthews; Minister Taylor McKenzie; Bishop George McKinney; Jacqueline Meshack; Pastor Ray Smith; Dr. Carroll Waymon; Pastor Walter Wells; and Emma Wilson.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

The Southeastern Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) has sent out a survey asking the question, "Should the City maintain SEDC as an independent organization to continue redevelopment of the four project areas with a local presence in the Southeastern San Diego community?" The obvious answer to this question is yes and my answer to this question is yes!

Not only should SEDC have a local presence, it should have strong and active local presence in the form of a viable, functioning, and active Project Area Committee. Currently, SEDC is addressing a projected budget deficit of over \$3 million. The Mayor (who is the City's Executive Director of the Redevelopment Agency, which includes SEDC) and the City's Independent Budget Analyst (IBA) have been requested by me, to work with SEDC and my office with ensuring that SEDC addresses its budget deficit without sacrificing in any form or fashion, its focus and responsibility on

redeveloping the areas of District 4 and District 8 which it is responsible for! This includes ensuring a strong, active, and productive community driven Project Area Committee is in place.

Black History Month - February 2010: On Tuesday, February 2, 2010, the Council unanimously voted to declare the month of February 2010 as Black History Month the City of San Diego. Joined by some of San Diego's Black pioneers from the religious, educational and civic arenas, the Council recognized that Black History month is not confined to a single person, color, or time, but is an important thread in the History of San Diego and the United States of America. Local pioneers were recognized for having paved the way and building the foundation for the success of African Americans in San Diego and our Nation. I join you in celebrating Black History Month in San Diego and look forward to the exciting events that honor our history. Please note the events listed in this edition with an asterisk (*) that are celebrating Black History.

On Tuesday, February 2, 2010, the San Diego City Council voted unanimously to apply for a \$3 million grant from the California Energy Commission to convert street lights in areas of the 4th District and other Council districts to energy saving "broad spectrum" street lighting. This grant, combined with an additional \$2 million from the Department of Energy, will not only produce energy savings, but also combined with reduced maintenance costs, will lower costs for long term economic "green" savings.

On Tuesday, February 2, 2010, the San Diego City Council voted unanimously to fund efforts to restore and maintain for five years, approximately 4.03 acres of a native riparian and upland coastal sage scrub habitat along Chollas Creek, in the 4th District. Efforts to remove trash and non-native species will improve water quality for native plant and animal communities. Currently this section of Chollas Creek has several pollutants that exceed industry levels. Removal of trash would help reduce the source of some of these pollutants. The project will serve the interests of the City, not only by improving wildlife habitat and water quality, but also by providing for removal of trash in this area that frequently is occupied by transients. The Environmental Services Department will be working with Groundwork San Diego and the California Conservation Corps to assist in site clean-up service and an educational nexus with local public schools and the community.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW

All San Diego Public Library branches will be closed on Thursday, February 4, 2010 for a system wide training session for all library employees. Branches will resume their normal operating hours on Friday, February 5, 2010.



Overcoming Gangs & Beyond is currently inviting youth ages 18 thru 24 for employment services. For additional information and/or an appointment, please call Conrad Harris at (619) 262-2002.

Diversity Solutions will host a free On-The-Job Training and Job Placement Program . For more information, call (619) 277-9099 or email oran@diversitysolutios.us.

Be Counted and Help Count: The U.S. Census will begin contacting households in March as they start the count of everyone living in the United States. Households should complete and mail back their form upon receipt.

Every year, the federal government distributes more than \$400 billion to state, local and tribal governments based on census data. The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years for the purpose of reapportioning the U.S. House of Representatives. The federal government uses census data to help determine funding for state, local and tribal governments.

The San Diego office of the 2010 Census is looking to fill some 1,300 temporary positions in the next few months to help count the residents of San Diego County. They are especially looking for bilingual applicants for jobs that range from office administrators and recruiters to workers who actually go house to house.

The job can last from a few weeks up to three months, and priority will be given to U.S. citizens, although legal residents are eligible, as well. Wages vary from \$11.75 to \$18.50 per hour.

Representatives of the 2010 Census invite members of the community to sign up for the entrance exam and submit an application. The exam is given at locales across the county at different times. There is more information available, in English and Spanish, at (866) 861-2010 or online at census.gov.

Interested in working in construction? Youth Build is offering training, assistance with obtaining your high school diploma or GED and paid job training. Eligible participants must be 18 to 24 years of age, not have their high school diploma or GED yet, and be a legal resident. For more information call Mr. Clayton with the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council at (619) 266-6247.

San Ysidro Health Center's Healthy Steps is hosting a series of parent workshops thru March 24, 2010, 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Lincoln High School in the Parent Center, Room 601. The interactive sessions will provide information along with effective discipline and communication skills for parents to develop and promote healthy family lifestyles. Topics include communication, stages of development through adolescence, defining discipline and child abuse, and ceremony and certificates. For a complete list of dates, workshop topics and to register, please call (619) 662-4119.

Lincoln High School Parents: Parent Meetings at 6:00 p.m. on March 2nd, April



6th May 4th and June 1st at Lincoln High School, Parent Center – Room 601 with Executive Principal Mel Collins on current school and educational issues. Meetings begin with a 20-minute Q&A with Principal Collins.

***The Community Actor’s Theatre (CAT) will host *A Night of Broadway in Song*, February 5th thru March 7th**, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 3:00 p.m. Enjoy the many colorful contributions by African-Americans to the Broadway musical. For more information, call (619) 264-3391.

***The Fourth District Senior Resource Center will host a celebration of Black History Month honoring the legacy of the late Deputy Mayor George L. Stevens on Friday, February 5, 2010** beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Joe and Vi Jacobs Center (404 Euclid Ave.) For more information, contact Myrtle Cole at (619) 263-7254 or email mcole@udwa.org.

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.

***The Fair Housing Council of San Diego (FHCS) and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Choir San Diego will present Black Roots, a UNITYFest 2010 event on Thursday, February 11, 2010** from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. at Golden Hall (202 C St.) For more information email cherryav2@aol.com.

Join PAZZAZ as they take a road trip to Hollywood to watch the Dr. Phil Show live on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. For more information and to reserve a seat, contact Lettice Johnson at LJ@pazzaz.org, call (619) 264-6870 or visit www.pazzaz.org

***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 or call (619) 264-1213.

2010 San Diego Martin Luther King, Jr. Foundation Scholarship Applications are now available. The Foundation will award three scholarships this year: Two for \$7,500 in honor of Rev. George Smith and the late businessman Tom Carter, and one for \$5,000. The scholarships can be used at any four-year, fully accredited college or university of the recipient’s choice. The deadline for applying is March 5, 2010. The

application can be downloaded from: www.carterreese.com; logon and click on the “community” section.

The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Community Safety Initiative along with MetLife Foundation is now accepting applications for the 2010 MetLife Foundation Community-Police Partnership Awards. The awards recognize community safety improvements in neighborhoods resulting from innovative partnerships between law enforcement and community groups. Awards range from \$15,000 to \$25,000. For more information or to apply, please contact Jana Zawadzki at (619) 528-9058 or jjawadzki@lisc.org. *Preliminary applications are due Friday, February 26, 2010.*

The Urban League of San Diego County is offering complimentary Foreclosure Intervention Services, First Time Home Buyer Education and Financial Literacy Classes. For more information, call Henry Miles at (619) 266-6251 or henry.miles@sdul.org.

Get on board with Compass Card! *Your transit pass is now on the new Compass Card, the latest in smart card technology for transit.* There is a new location in District Four to purchase your Compass Card:

Business Matters

336 Euclid Avenue, Suite 503

Business Matters is located in the Food 4 Less Shopping Center next to Cold Stone Creamery. They are open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Community Clean-ups are continuing to be held throughout the 4th District.

I commend, thank, and congratulate the many community volunteers, the exceptional staff of the Environmental Services Department, 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.

A Mini-Community Cleanup and Recycling Event in a section of the Valencia Park community will be held on Wednesday, February 24,



2010.

FOR EXACT BLOCK NUMBERS AND STREETS THAT
ARE PART OF THE CLEANUPS,
PLEASE CALL

The City's Environmental Services Department *will pick up the following items:*

RECYCLABLES: appliances, electronics (e.g. tv's, computers monitors, vcr's, cpu's), lawnmowers (free of oil and gas), metals, wood & yard trimmings (bundled & tied, not to exceed 50 lbs., nor over 6' long).

NON-RECYCLABLES: carpeting, junk furniture, mattresses, palm fronds (bundled & tied, not to exceed 50 lbs., nor over 6' long).

They will **NOT ACCEPT:** all lightbulbs/tubes; dirt, construction or demolition rubble; hazardous wastes (paint, motor oil, batteries); propane tanks/gas cylinders; tires.

Separate waste and metals and place at your point of regular trash collection (*do not use your regular automated refuse container*). Due to time constraints, city crews will not be able to return to collect items place out after 8:00 a.m.

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 are interested in serving as a 4th 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:

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Community Meeting (District 4 Staff)</u>	<u>Meeting Time</u>	<u>Meeting Location</u>
Thursday, February 4	Mount Hope Community Meeting (Venus Molina)	6:30 p.m.	Macedonia Baptist Church 625 Quail St.
Thursday, February 4	Oak Park Community Council (Jimmie Slack)	7:00 p.m.	Oak Park Elementary, Auditorium 2606 54 th St.
Thursday, February 4	Paradise Hills Recreation Council (Roosevelt Williams III)	6:00 p.m.	Paradise Hills Recreation Center 6610 Potomac St.
Thursday, February 4	Valencia Park Town Council (Bruce Williams)	6:30 p.m.	Valencia Park Elementary 5880 Skyline Dr.
Monday, February 8	Jamacha Community Council (Bruce Williams)	7:00 p.m.	Trinity Lutheran Church 7210 Lisbon St.
Monday, February 8	Southeastern Planning Committee (Bruce Williams)	7:00 p.m.	Neighborhood House Association 841 S. 41st St.
Tuesday, February 9	Eastern Area Planning Committee (Bruce Williams)	7:00 p.m.	Holy Spirit Catholic Church 2755 55th St.
Tuesday, February 9	Emerald Hills Town Council (Roosevelt Williams III)	6:00 p.m.	Johnson Elementary 1355 Kelton Rd.
Tuesday February 9	Knox Town Council (Venus Molina)	6:00 p.m.	Knox Elementary 1098 S. 49th St.
Tuesday, February 9	Mountain View Park & Rec. Council (Roosevelt Williams III)	6:30 p.m.	Mt. View Park 641 S. Boundary St.
Tuesday, February 9	Skyline Hills Community Association (Jimmie Slack)	10:00 a.m.	Morse High School 6905 Skyline Dr.
Tuesday, February 9	Skyline/Paradise Hills Planning Committee (Bruce Williams)	7:00 p.m.	Paradise Hills Rec. Center 6610 Potomac St.
Thursday, February 11	O'Farrell Park Town Council (Bruce Williams)	6:00 p.m.	MLK Park & Recreation Center 6401 Skyline Dr.

SAVE THIS DATE:

The Girl Scouts of San Diego will host the 2010 Expanding Your Horizons Conference on Saturday, March 6, 2010. Girls ages six thru 10 are invited to participate from 8:30 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. at the University of San Diego. There will be presentations, hands-on workshops, and the opportunity to meet women scientists and engineers. Registration scholarships are available. Transportation is provided from



various locations in District Four. For more information, contact Desiree Nash at (619) 610-0774.

***The 18th Annual KUUMBAFEST 2010: *Black to Greatness* will be held March 12th thru 14th.** Celebrate the development of Black history, culture and heritage. For more information email SDKUUMBAFEST@yahoo.com.

BAPAC San Diego will host their 2nd Annual First Ladies Tea on Saturday, March 13, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the MLK Hall at Bayview Church. Celebrate Women's History Month and meet the First Ladies of San Diego. For more information, contact Yvette Porter-Moore at (61) 251-5067.

The Broadway Heights Community Council will host their Annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 20, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the Mt. View Recreation Center (641 S. Boundary St.) The menu consists of pancakes, sausages, fresh fruit, orange juice and coffee. For more information, call (619) 582-8147 or (619) 993-7612.

The Caltrans-District 11 Small Business Council and the San Diego Public Agency Consortium presents the 6th Annual Business Procurement Fair on Tuesday, March 23, 2010. This free event will be at the Balboa Park Club; no fees or costs with on-the-sport purchasing. For more information, please contact Cherri Shur at (619) 688-3151 or Cherri_Shur@dot.ca.gov.

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