

CITY OF SAN DIEGO
OFFICE OF
COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANTHONY YOUNG

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WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

COUNCIL FUNDS \$12.6 MILLION IN COMMUNITY GRANTS

On Monday, Feb. 1, the San Diego City Council voted to disburse over \$12.6 million in Community Development Block Grants, including \$4 million to SEDC for repayment of HUD Section 108 loans. This frees up future redevelopment agency dollars for community improvement projects.

ORDINANCE VETO SAVES TAXPAYERS OVER \$2.5 MILLION

On Tuesday, Feb. 2, the San Diego City Council voted to uphold Mayor Sander's veto of the Ordinance to Protect Small and Neighborhood Business -- saving the taxpayers upwards of \$2.5 million. The repeal means there will be no costly special election and no extra conditions placed on superstores as they move through the approval process at City Hall. For years, Council President Tony Young has been encouraging grocers and retail stores to open in District 4.

SAVING MONEY ON CITY SERVICES

On Tuesday, Feb. 1, Council President Young joined the San Diego City Council in voting to move "full speed ahead" with a Preliminary Statement of Work to put the city's Fleet Services out for a managed-competition bid -- a cost-savings maneuver mandated by the voting public. The council's action is part of the process allowing outside companies to bid against various city service departments. The city could save an estimated \$27 million once all eligible services are up to bid.

STATE & FEDERAL LAWMAKERS

On Tuesday, Feb. 2, the San Diego City Council approved a list of top legislative, budgetary and regulatory priorities to pursue in 2011 with lawmakers in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., including a summer Hire-A-Youth program proposed by Council President Young. Other legislative issues being discussed at the state and federal level are: payday lending interest rate caps, graffiti tracking, gang prevention and intervention, redevelopment agency funds, wholesale water rates, and technical trade and technology-based career centers.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

SMART BUSINESS SOLUTIONS

Council President Tony Young along with the Regional Airport Authority will host an introduction to “Doing Business with the San Diego International Airport” on Thursday, Feb. 3 at 6 p.m. at the Tubman Chavez Center, 415 Euclid Ave. Opportunities for business partnerships with the San Diego International Airport include: architecture, concession, construction, engineering, equipment/supplies, maintenance, professional services and education. RSVP by Feb. 2: (619) 236-6644 or wburties@sandiego.gov

FREE BOOSTER SEATS

Safe Kids San Diego will distribute free booster seats on Saturday, Feb. 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Southeastern Police Department, 7222 Skyline Drive. Available to area children ages 4 to 8 in local pre-k and elementary schools. Parent and child must be present for seat fitting by appointment only: 858-576-1700, ext. 5096.

WALK THE WATERSHED

Elementary Institute of Science is teaming up with San Diego Coastkeeper and other partners to host the 3rd annual Walk the Watershed on Saturday, Feb. 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free shuttle available from EIS, 608 51st Street, to the City Heights event that offers educational tours about nature in our neighborhoods and ways to keep creeks and canyons clean, safe and healthy. For more information: (619)758-7743 or Dylan@sdcoastkeeper.org.

HONORING GRANDPARENTS CONNECTION

Council President Tony Young joins city leaders in saluting The Grandparents Connection on Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 2 p.m. at City Hall, 202 C Street, downtown San Diego. In observance of Black History Month and the importance of family unity, the city council will recognize the positive impacts that Grandparents Connection and its founders Shearl and Clifford Lambert Jr., have in providing much-needed counseling, food, clothes, classes and other aid to grandparent-lead families in San Diego.

CELEBRATE AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Southwestern College celebrates African American History Month on Saturday, Feb. 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the college amphitheatre, 900 Otay Lakes Road, Chula Vista. Featured events at the free public event include: Black storytelling, Afro-Cuban dancers, authentic African wares, African-American cuisine, and education/empowerment workshops. More information contact Steve Tadlock: stadlock@swccd.edu or (619)216-6631.

HEARTS & HERITAGE

Celebrate Black History & Valentine’s Day on Monday, Feb. 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., George L. Stevens Senior Center, 570 S. 65th Street. The 4th District Seniors Resource Center hosted event includes food, music, opportunity drawings, Black History Artifacts Display and special recognition of “Golden Weds” married 50-plus years. Suggested price is \$12, and ethnic or red attire encouraged. RSVP by Feb. 7 to: (619) 266-2066.

DIVERSITY SOLUTIONS

Career Fair and Tribute to Black History Month on Thursday, Feb. 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Malcolm X Library and Performing Arts Center, 5148 Market Street. For more information, contact Diversity Solutions at (619) 277-9099 or www.diversitysolutions.us.

ALL THAT JAZZ, BLUES AND OLD SCHOOL

An African-American musical tribute featuring jazz, blues and old school tunes on Saturday, Feb. 26 from 6 to 9 p.m., George L. Stevens Senior Center, 570 S. 65th Street. Ticket and sponsorship information for this fundraising event is available at (619)266-2066 or www.fdsrc.org.

STUDYING OUR CHILDREN'S HEALTH

National Children's Study is coming to Southeast San Diego this spring. Representatives from the National Children's Study will be in our community looking at how children's health is affected by family health history and the places where they live, learn and play. Residents of Southeast San Diego that participate in the study by answering a few questions will receive a \$5 gift car. For more information and to learn if you are eligible to participate, visit the local website: www.SanDiego.NationalChildrensStudy.gov or call toll free at (877)706-2773.

JOIN THE REDISTRICTING DISCUSSIONS

Get informed and share your opinions with the 2010 Redistricting Commission. The San Diego City Charter requires that the City be redistricted at least once every 10 years. The Charter also sets forth the procedure for redistricting. It calls for creation of a seven-member Redistricting Commission, which has sole and exclusive authority to adopt the City's redistricting plan that sets the boundaries of City Council districts. This year, in response to a vote of the people, the Redistricting Commission will be adding a new Council district and be charged with dividing the City into nine Council districts.

Upcoming 2010 Redistricting Committee Meetings:

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, February 3	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	City Administration Building, Council Chambers – 12 th Floor
Thursday, February 17	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	City Administration Building, Committee Room – 12 th Floor
Thursday, March 3	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	City Administration Building, Committee Room – 12 th Floor

For more information please visit: <http://www.sandiego.gov/redistricting> or email redistricting_2010@sandiego.gov.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

An opportunity for you to volunteer your services exists with the many City of San Diego Boards and Commissions. Upcoming vacancies are listed below:

Name	Duties
Arts and Culture	<p>(1) Advocate strongly for a substantial increase in funds for arts and culture.</p> <p>(2) Recommend to the Mayor, City Council and the City Manager all City funding decisions for the arts and culture; and directly and exclusively make all granting recommendations to the City Council.</p> <p>(3) Explore new sources of funding for arts and culture and evaluate the current allocation of Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) funding as it pertains to arts and culture.</p> <p>(4) Develop, coordinate and regularly reevaluate a comprehensive City cultural arts policy.</p> <p>(5) Consistent with City Council policy, advocate for arts and culture with the City Council, as well as the private sector, local, regional, state and federal governments, and international entities, such as Mexico, Canada, Japan and Pacific Rim countries.</p> <p>(6) Serve as the State/Federal local arts program partner.</p> <p>(7) Manage the City public arts program, which shall include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Advise on the acquisition and placement of works of art on property of the City of San Diego, except for any museum, art gallery, or City-owned performance facility. No work of art shall be installed or existing work of art removed from public areas of City property without prior review by the Commission. b) Develop and recommend to the Mayor, City Council and City Manager programs to promote public performances and the public exhibition of the arts, and legislation to provide incentives to the public sector for inclusion of the arts in private developments. c) Develop and recommend legislation and policies to involve artists in selected City Capital Improvement Projects.
Human Rights	<p>Conduct programs designed to bring groups together to close gaps resulting from past discriminatory practices; address current or ongoing intergroup tensions; mediate disagreements among groups, individuals, and organizations which result from discriminatory practices within the scope of this Division. Process complaints which cannot be resolved through mediation. Render a written report of its activities to the Mayor and Council. Prepare and disseminate educational and informational material relating to prejudice and discrimination and recommend ways and means of eliminating such prejudice and discrimination.</p>
Planning	<p>The Planning Commission conducts hearings on all special use permits, all re-zonings, all community plans, the General Plan, considers land use ordinances and such other improvements as Council may, by ordinance, determine.</p>

Please call Breanna Zwart at (619) 236-6644 if you are interested in serving as a 4th District representative on a particular Board and/or Commission.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

Meeting Date	Community Meeting (District 4 Staff)	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
Thursday February 3	Valencia Park Town Council (Bruce Williams)	6:00 p.m.	Valencia Park Elementary 5880 Skyline Drive
Thursday February 3	Paradise Hills Recreation Council (Roosevelt Williams III)	6:00 p.m.	Paradise Hills Rec Center 6610 Potomac Street
Thursday February 3	Mt. Hope Community Meeting (Venus Molina)	6:30 p.m.	Macedonia Baptist Church 625 Quail Street
Thursday February 3	Oak Park Community Council (Jimmie Slack)	7:00 p.m.	Oak Park Elementary – Auditorium 2606 54 th Street
Monday February 7	Southeastern Planning Committee (Bruce Williams)	6:00 p.m.	Neighborhood House Association 841 S. 41 st Street
Monday February 7	Skyline/Greater skyline Community Council (Breanna Zwart)	6:00 p.m.	Skyline Recreation Center 8285 Skyline Drive
Monday February 7	Jamacha Community Council (Bruce Williams)	7:00 p.m.	Trinity Lutheran Church 7210 Lisbon Street
Tuesday February 8	Emerald Hills Town Council (Breanna Zwart)	6:00 p.m.	Johnson Elementary 1355 Kelton Road
Tuesday February 8	Knox Town Council (Liezl Mangonon)	6:00 p.m.	Knox Elementary School 1098 49 th Street
Tuesday February 8	Mt. View Park & Recreation Council (Roosevelt Williams III)	6:30 p.m.	Mt. View Park & Rec Center 641 S. Boundary Street
Tuesday February 8	Eastern Area Planning Committee (Bruce Williams)	7:00 p.m.	Holy Spirit Catholic Church 2755 55 th Street
Tuesday February 8	Skyline/Paradise Hills Planning Committee (Bruce Williams)	7:00 p.m.	Paradise Hills Rec Center 6610 Potomac Street

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