



OFFICE OF
COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANTHONY YOUNG
DISTRICT FOUR
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CITY OF SAN DIEGO



Council President Young joins San Diego Police Capt. Lawrence McKinney and officers from Mid-City Division in recognizing Teci Mayo, manager of the President John Adams Manor apartments, for successfully completing all three phases of the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program. Mayo is one of dozens of other managers trained to address safety concerns and prevent nuisance-related activity at rental properties throughout San Diego.

COUNCIL ACTIONS FOR FEB. 28 & MARCH 1:

SAVING REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

San Diego City Council approved Mayor Jerry Sanders' plan to allocate \$4 billion for city-wide redevelopment projects planned over the next 40 years. Council action was taken in response to Gov. Jerry Brown's proposed plan for eliminating redevelopment agencies and instead using local property taxes to help close the state's \$26 billion budget gap. Council President Young voted to support keeping redevelopment funds at home to create much-needed jobs, affordable housing and various community projects including over \$180 million in developments located throughout SEDC's project areas.

MORE STREET LIGHTS FOR ENCANTO

The City Council unanimously approved an additional \$75,000 for the Imperial Avenue Street Lights Project. A total of \$285,000 will be spent to install 20 street lights along Imperial Avenue between 61st and 69th streets. These long-sought streetlights will enhance visibility and improve neighborhood safety.

ON THE WATERFRONT

Council agreed to allow its redevelopment agency to share the funding costs of a \$28.6 million waterfront park and other improvements along northern Harbor Drive. Centre City Development Corp. and San Diego Unified Port District will split 50-50 the costs of implementing the initial phase of the North Embarcadero Visionary Plan, which has been in the works for 13 years.



PERMANENT HOMELESS SHELTER

Council President Young joined the council majority in voting to sell a downtown building for \$8 million to its redevelopment agency for a Homeless Service Center and Housing Facility.

The council also committed \$16 million to rehabilitate the former World Trade Center Building on Sixth Avenue into a year-round facility with 300 beds and a variety of services to area homeless. Funds from the sale of the building will be used to help close the City's budget deficit.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT YOUNG KICKS OFF HUNGER INITIATIVE

Council President Young is kicking off a hunger initiative to help needy residents in District 4 put food on their tables.

If you or someone you know is in need of food assistance, please call our office at (619) 236-6644 to find out the nearest food distribution site in your neighborhood.

AUTO PRODUCT RECYCLING

City of San Diego's Environmental Services Dept. is conducting auto product recycling events citywide.

Geared to do-it-yourself mechanics, the events accept used motor oil, oil filters, automotive batteries and antifreeze. A recycling day was held Feb. 19 at the School of Creative and Performing Arts that collected more than 2,600 pounds of recyclable hazardous waste. For more information, call Tom Blair at: (858) 492-5088.

FRIDAY FARMERS MARKET

People's Produce Farmers Market is held every Friday, 2 – 6 p.m. at 606 Euclid Ave. in Chollas View.

The market is introducing a new local farmer offering apples and pears and Victory Gardens San Diego is announcing upcoming growing/gardening classes. A monthly growers group gathers at 6 p.m. on the last Monday of each month at 5106 Federal Blvd. For more information call: (619) 262-2022 or visit: www.projectnewvillage.com.

STUDENTS HOLD COURT

Porter Elementary will partner with the Consumer Attorneys of San Diego to conduct a mock trial on Friday, March 4 and Monday, March 7.

Fifth grade students will participate in the courtroom exercises as part of a six-week educational program held at the school by members of Consumer Attorneys of San Diego. The case of State v. Billy Buckles, which focuses on the serious issue of bullying, was developed by the San Diego City Attorney's Office. Consumer Attorneys of San Diego is an organization of trial lawyers in San Diego County working to preserve and protect the legal rights of consumers. For more information please contact council committee consultant Lea Fields-Bernard at (619) 533-5906 or email: lfbarnard@sandiego.gov.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

San Diego Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation college scholarship applications due March 4.

Minimum of three scholarships (\$5,000 - \$7,500) are available for graduating high school seniors at San Diego City schools. Applications available from high school counselors or online: www.carterreese.com. More information: (619) 463-1702.



FREE SERVICES AT WOMEN'S RESOURCE FAIR

22nd Annual Women's Resource Fair at downtown Golden Hall on Saturday, March 5

from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., offers free women's services including: medical and dental; legal and financial assistance; job skills, education and employment counseling; mental health and spiritual counseling; and shelter referrals. Free child care and pet services also offered. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Early arrival is suggested to best access available services. More information: (619) 338-6620 or online at www.wrfsandiego.org.

SNAPSHOT OF TEEN DRUG & ALCOHOL ABUSE

Malcolm X public library will kick off a photo-art exhibit titled "The Impact of Substance Abuse and Underage Drinking in My Community Through Photography" on Tuesday, March 8

from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Held in conjunction with SAY San Diego, the exhibit features dozens of artworks representing the perspectives of Mid-City area residents who are working for positive social change through community engagement. For more information, please contact Latino Youth Council Coordinator Claudia Baltazar: (619) 283-9627.

KEEPING KIDS SAFE

Neighborhood safety will be discussed at a community forum on Wednesday, March 9

from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Bell Middle School, 620 Briarwood Road. Parents, youth, residents, businesses and property owners are invited to attend the free event that will include a light dinner and speakers from city and county governments, local schools, law enforcement and health and human service organizations. For more information, please contact Roosevelt Williams III in Council President Young's office: (619) 236-7010

HONORING THE PAST, SHAPING THE FUTURE

Poinsettia Star Club will host its 2011 Black History Breakfast on Saturday, March 19

from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Tubman Chavez Multicultural Center, 415 N. Euclid Ave. For more information, contact Katie Jones at (619) 266-8207.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Broadway Heights Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 26 from

7:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Mountain View Recreation Center, 641 South Boundary Street. Suggested ticket donation is \$5. For more information: (619) 582-8147.

CESAR E. CHAVEZ MEMORIAL BREAKFAST

13th Annual Cesar E. Chavez Memorial Breakfast will be held on Monday, March 28

from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the San Diego Convention Center. For more information, contact sponsor: Sherman Heights Community Center, (619) 232-5181.

organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets. To apply online, go to <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela> or for more information, call: 800-659-2955 or email: disastercustomerservice@sba.gov



SBA LOANS FOR WINTER STORMS

An April 4 deadline is approaching for U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) low-interest loans being made available for residents adversely affected by the severe winter storms, flooding, and debris and mud flows that occurred Dec. 18 2010 through January 4, 2011. These federal disaster loans are available to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private, non-profit organizations whose property was damaged or destroyed by the disaster. Loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property. Business of any size and private, non-profit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets. To apply online, go to <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela> or for more information, call: 800-659-2955 or email: disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

DRAWING NEW DISTRICT LINES

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. 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. Here are some upcoming meetings:

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, March 3	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	City Administration Building, Committee Room – 12 th Floor
Thursday, March 24	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.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

<u>Meeting Date</u>	Community Meeting (District 4 Staff)	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
Thursday March 3	Mt. Hope Community Meeting (Venus Molina)	6:30 p.m.	Macedonia Baptist Church 625 Quail Street
Thursday March 3	Oak Park Community Council (Jimmie Slack)	7:00 p.m.	Oak Park Elementary – Auditorium 2606 54 th Street
Monday March 7	Skyline/Greater Skyline Community Council (Breanna Zwart)	6:00 p.m.	Skyline Recreation Center 8285 Skyline Drive
Tuesday March 8	Emerald Hills Neighborhood Council (Breanna Zwart)	6:00 p.m.	Johnson Elementary 1355 Kelton Road
Tuesday March 8	Knox Town Council (Liezl Mangonon)	6:00 p.m.	Knox Elementary School 1098 49 th Street
Tuesday March 8	Skyline/Paradise Hills Planning Committee (Bruce Williams)	7:00 p.m.	Paradise Hills Rec Center 6610 Potomac Street
Thursday March 10	O'Farrell Park Town Council (Bruce Williams)	6:00 p.m.	MLK Park and Recreation Center 6401 Skyline Drive



BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

There are many volunteer opportunities with City of San Diego Boards and Commissions. Please call Breanna Zwart at (619) 236-6644 if you are interested in serving on one of the following:

Arts and Culture

- (1) Advocate strongly for a substantial increase in funds for arts and culture.
- (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.
- (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.
- (4) Develop, coordinate and regularly reevaluate a comprehensive City cultural arts policy.
- (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.
- (6) Serve as the State/Federal local arts program partner.
- (7) Manage the City public arts program, which shall include the following:
 - 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 Commission

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.

Planning

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.

Senior Affairs Advisory Board

Serves in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and City Council on policy and issues relating to transportation, security at home, improved intergenerational interaction, meal delivery, housing, improved City-County cooperation, and other issues as determined by the Chair. Make recommendations for improving communications between seniors and City government; review City employment policies for seniors; perform studies and surveys as requested by the Mayor and Council; advise on relevant issues and formation of laws, policies, or procedures which may affect seniors; and report annually to the Mayor and Council on the "State of the Seniors" within the City of San Diego.

Parking Advisory Board

Advise the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager on policy issues relating to parking. The Board shall convey community concerns, advise the City Manager regarding parking control implementations decisions, provide support and input to Community Parking District advisory boards when requested, and address other parking related policy matters.

Small Business Advisory Board

Develop a cooperative and supportive atmosphere on behalf of the small business community in its relationship with the City of San Diego. Act as an ombudsman to open a channel of communication between the City of San Diego and its relationship with small business owners on specific problems or requests for information and assistance. Initiate a review of procedural requirements and existing laws to determine if they are conducive to a small business owner seeking to do business with the City. Review private sector performance ability and recommend potential transfer of functions performed by City forces to private enterprise. Serve as an advocate of the small business community and advise the Mayor, City Council and City Manager on relevant issues, and formulation of laws, policies, or procedures which may affect the management, operation or financial stability of the small business owner. Encourage private sector leadership and application of expertise and resources for public benefit. Monitor the growth or decline of small businesses with the City of San Diego and identify trends responsible for their success or failure. Perform other studies and surveys on the status of small business as may be specifically requested by the Mayor, Council or City Manager and provide information and advise thereon. Schedule at least one widely-publicized meeting each year, wherein members of the small business community shall be invited to participate in Advisory Board discussions. Report annually to the Mayor and City Council on the "State of Small Business" within the City of San Diego.

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