



OFFICE OF
COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANTHONY YOUNG
DISTRICT FOUR
MARCH 9, 2011 WEEKLY UPDATE

CITY OF SAN DIEGO



FOOD ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Council President Young wants to eliminate hunger and is reaching out 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 about food distribution sites and other resources available in your neighborhood.

COUNCIL ACTIONS FOR MARCH 7 & 8:

MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

San Diego City Council voted to reallocate \$300,000 in deferred maintenance funds to Capital Improvement Projects citywide, including projects in our district such as the Southeastern Division Police Station, Fire Station No. 32 in Skyline, Mt. Hope Cemetery and several stormwater drains. This action continues Council President Young's efforts to address deferred maintenance projects throughout the District.

SKYLINE HILLS LIBRARY GRANT

The City Council unanimously approved a \$25,000 IMLS grant for Skyline Hills Library. The local branch will receive three grant payments, including \$12,000 this fiscal year to help provide books, technology, education and outreach services to youth and adults in the community. Council President Young commends and thanks Congressman Bob Filner for his efforts in securing the grant from the federal office of Museum and Library Services.



HONORING COX COMMUNICATIONS GM BILL GEPPERT

Council President Young joined Mayor Sanders in proclaiming March 8, 2011

“William Geppert Day.” Retiring this year from his post as senior vice president and general manager of Cox Communications, Geppert was honored for his 30 years of service to the telecommunications industry, over 16 years of civic involvement and his tireless work as a champion for the city and its residents. Council President Young noted: “Cox Communications, headquartered in District 4, has been a generous employer and community partner, and we salute him for his business leadership and civic support.”

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Councilmembers reappointed Juan Gallegos and Dr. Shirley Weber to the Citizen’s Equal Opportunity Commission. Dr. Weber, long-time District 4 resident and SDSU professor and chair of the Department of Africana Studies, will serve another two-year term on the commission that monitors the city’s EOE hiring and contracting policies and procedures.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

FRIDAY FARMERS MARKET

People’s Produce Farmers Market is open 2 – 6 p.m. every Friday, 606 Euclid Ave., in Chollas View. This month the market is introducing a new local farmer who is offering apples and pears. Victory Gardens San Diego will be announcing upcoming growing/gardening classes, and 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 online, please visit: www.projectnewvillage.com.

KEEPING KIDS SAFE

Neighborhood safety is the focus of 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.

US BANK RECRUITING

US Bank will be recruiting employees for banking positions on Friday, March 11 from noon to 2 p.m. at the South Metro Career Center, 4389 Imperial Ave. Bring an updated copy of resume and list of professional references. For more information, call: (619) 266-4200, or go online: www.metrocareercenters.org.



SHARING WITH THOSE WHO CARE

Bayview Baptist Church will host a Family Resource Fair on Saturday, March 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 6134 Benson Ave. Information will be available on nutrition, health, fitness, education and employment resources. Contact: Nate or Kevin at (619) 266-3621.

SENIOR CAREGIVER JOBS

Heritage Senior Care will be hiring caregivers on Thursday, March 17 at 9 a.m. at the South Metro Career Center, 4389 Imperial Ave. Bring an updated copy of resume and list of professional references. For more information, call: (619) 266-4200, or go online: www.metrocareercenters.org.

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.

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.

Upcoming Redistricting Commission meetings:

| Date | Time | Location |
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| Thursday, March 17 | 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | City Administration Building, Committee Room – 12 th Floor |
| Thursday, April 7 | 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | City Administration Building, Committee Room – 12 th Floor |
| Thursday, April 21 | 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | City Administration Building, Committee Room – 12 th Floor |

For information: 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 |
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| Thursday March 10 | Joint meeting of Valencia Park and O'Farrell Park Councils (Bruce Williams) | 6:00 p.m. | Valencia Park Elementary School 5880 Skyline Drive |
| Monday March 14 | Southeastern Planning Committee (Venus Molina) | 6:00 p.m. | Neighborhood House Association 841 S. 41 st Street |
| Monday March 14 | Jamacha Community Council (Bruce Williams) | 7:00 p.m. | Trinity Lutheran Church 7210 Lisbon Street |
| Wednesday March 16 | Mountain View Community Meeting (Venus Molina) | 6:00 p.m. | Mt. View Park and Recreation Center 641 S. Boundary Street |
| Wednesday March 16 | Paradise Hills Village Council (Liezl Mangonon) | 6:30 p.m. | St. Timothy's Church 2602 Reo Dr. |
| Thursday March 17 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreational Council (Roosevelt Williams III) | 12:00 p.m. | MLK Recreation Center 6401 Skyline Drive |
| Thursday March 17 | Lomita Village Town Council (Venus Molina) | 6:00 p.m. | Skyline Park and Recreation Center 8285 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.

District Four Planning Groups need your participation.

Community planning groups provide citizens with an opportunity for involvement in advising the City Council, the Planning Commission, and other decision-makers on development projects, general or community plan amendments, re-zonings and public facilities. The recommendations of the planning groups are integral components of the planning process, and are highly regarded by the City Council and by staff. There are five Planning Groups that impact District Four: City Heights, Eastern Area, Encanto, Skyline Hills/Paradise Hills and Southeastern. If you live, own a business or property in one of these areas and want to get involved, contact Bruce Williams in my office at (619)236-7175 for more information.

THANK YOU ...

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