



Redrawing San Diego City Council Districts



REDISTRICTING HEARING AT JACOBS CENTER ON MARCH 22

The 2010 Redistricting Commission is hosting public hearings on March 21 and 22 to answer questions about drawing new San Diego City Council district boundaries.

Every 10 years following the U.S. census, San Diego City Council districts get redrawn. You can have input in creating new political boundary lines – including the addition of a new 9th district – by attending and participating in one of several upcoming community forums.

Meet the seven commissioners charged with the important remapping effort, and learn the “who, what, where, when and why” of local redistricting on Monday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the City of San Diego Metro Operations Center II, 9192 Topaz Way; and on **Tuesday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation**, 404 Euclid Ave.

For more information about redistricting and other public hearings, call: (619) 533-3060, or visit:

www.sandiego.gov/redistricting.

Census Note: The City of San Diego got bigger (1.3 million residents) and more diverse during the last decade, according to the latest data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Photos: Recent neighborhood events celebrate the diversity of District 4.

COUNCIL ACTIONS FOR MARCH 14 & 15:

MOVING AHEAD WITH TRANSPORTATION GRANTS

Council President Young joined the council in enthusiastically approving applications for \$1 million in Caltrans grants for four planning projects, including District 4’s National Avenue Master Plan. These environmental justice grants provide state funding for transportation-related planning activities that engage the community in efforts to improve access and economic vitality. This planning grant would greatly benefit our community by providing guidance for roadway, sidewalk and streetscape improvements to enhance mobility and safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, automobile drivers and transit riders along the National Avenue corridor from I-15 to 43rd Street.



PAVING OUR ROADS

The City Council unanimously voted to approve \$22 million in contracts for repairing and repaving approximately 62 miles of streets and roadways in San Diego.

Keeping our streets in good condition is one of my top priorities. Dozens of neighborhood streets throughout the 4th District will greatly benefit from this next phase of slurry seal and asphalt overlay projects now set to get underway.

FISCAL REPORT CARD

The Redevelopment Agency Board of the City of San Diego received and filed audited financial statements for Southeastern Development Corp. (SEDC) for fiscal year 2010.

The required SEDC annual audit was conducted by Leaf & Cole, LLP. It reports that unanticipated shifting of tax increment away from California redevelopment agencies and the unforeseen county reduction in assessed property values forced SEDC to reduce its staff and implement other extensive cost-cutting efforts in last year's tough economic times.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

FOOD ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO OUR RESIDENTS

Council President Young wants to eliminate hunger in our community 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 my office at (619) 236-6644 to find out the nearest food distribution site in your neighborhood.

OPPORTUNITIES ON LOCAL PLANNING GROUPS

District Four Planning Groups invite you to participate in making good things happen in our neighborhoods. Community planning groups provide a great opportunity for you to get involved in advising the City Council, the Planning Commission, and other decision-makers on development projects, general or community plan amendments, rezonings and public facilities. Recommendations from local 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 more information and how to get involved, please contact District 4 Representative Bruce Williams in my office: (619) 236-7175.

DISCOVER SCIENCE

3rd Annual San Diego Science Festival offers free family events in March. More than 75,000 kids, parents, scientists, educators and community members are expected to participate in fun educational activities throughout the county, including: **Science Family Day in Balboa Park, Saturday, March 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Expo Day at Petco Park, Saturday, March 26 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** For details and a complete listing of festival events, visit: www.sdsciencefestival.com.



KUDUMU COMMEMORATIVE SCHOLARSHIP

High school seniors are invited to apply for \$1,000 Walter & Maisha Kudumu Commemorative Scholarship. Presented by Pazza Inc. and the New ERAA (Everyone Recommitting to Academic Achievement) Planning Committee, deadline for applying is Friday, May 6. For an application or more information, visit or call Pazza offices at: (619) 264-6870 or email Barrie Owens: kudum2010@gmail.com.

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.

CELEBRATE CESAR CHAVEZ DAY

Join us and volunteer on our Cesar Chavez Memorial Day of Service on Saturday, March 19. Families, children 14 and older, seniors and community members are welcome to help clean up and restore two areas. Help make Chollas Creek and 47th Street Canyon a safe and clean place for everyone and help establish a nature classroom for kids. Students can earn Community Service Credits when they volunteer.

Rally and morning check-in starts at **7:30 a.m., Jacobs Foundation, 404 Euclid Ave.** (west parking lot). You will receive your event t-shirt and directions to one of two volunteer sites: Jackie Robinson YMCA needs 40 volunteers from 8:30 a.m. to noon; 47th Street Canyon needs 100 volunteers from 9 a.m. to noon. Tools, gloves and water will be provided. Lunch will be provided at 1 p.m. Please wear sun protection and wear sturdy closed-toe shoes. For more information and registration: www.sdchavez.org.

HONORING THE PAST, SHAPING THE FUTURE

Poinsettia Star Club 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.

CURTAIN GOES UP ON COMEDY

Season finale comedy "Octette Bridge Club" will be staged March 25 - April 24 at the Community Actors Theatre, 2957 54th Street in Oak Park. Show times are 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 3 p.m. on Sundays. For reservations and more information: (619) 264-3391.

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.



FIRST TIME HOMEBUYERS CLASS

HUD Housing invites first time homebuyers to attend an education class on Saturday, March 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 841 S. 41st Street. Participants who complete the entire class session will receive a certificate of complete that allows those qualified to apply for various government grant and financial assistance programs. Paid reservations required: \$35 pre-pay and \$50 on site. For more information about the class, please call :(619) 263-7761, ext. 139 or online visit: www.neighborhoodhouse.org.

CELEBRATING NEW HEALTH CLINIC

Groundbreaking ceremony for San Ysidro Health Center's new Euclid Family Health Clinic on Saturday, March 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 950 S. Euclid Ave. Light refreshments will be served and the formal ceremony will take place at noon. For more information, call (619) 231-9300.

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.

CAREER FAIR

Metro Region Business Services will host an open house and career fair on Tuesday, March 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Southwestern College's Higher Education Center at Otay Mesa, 8100 Gigantic St. For more information, call: (619) 266-4200 or online visit: www.metrocareercenters.org.

FRIDAY FARMERS MARKET

People's Produce Farmers Market is open Fridays, 2 – 6 p.m., 606 Euclid Ave., in Chollas View. Local farmers offer a bounty of fresh produce; local artisans display handmade crafts; and gardening/growing enthusiasts gather to share tips and resources. For more information about upcoming classes and exhibit opportunities at the weekly market, call: (619) 262-2022 or visit: www.projectnewvillage.com.

SBA LOANS FOR WINTER STORMS

The April 4th 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 December 18, 2010 through January 4, 2011. Loans are available to homeowners, businesses and nonprofits to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets. To apply for an SBA loan online, go to <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela> or for more information, call: 800-659-2955 or email: disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.



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.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Community Meeting (District 4 Staff)</u>	<u>Meeting Time</u>	<u>Meeting Location</u>
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
Monday March 21	Encanto Neighborhood Community Planning (Bruce Williams)	6:30 p.m.	Joe and Vi Jacobs Center 404 Euclid Ave.
Monday March 21	<i>Special Meeting</i> Skyline Hills/Paradise Hills Planning Committee (Bruce Williams)	6:00 p.m.	Paradise Hills Recreation Center 6610 Potomac Street
Tuesday March 22	Chollas View Community Council (Liezl Mangonon)	6:00 p.m.	Tubman/Chavez Center 415 Euclid Ave.
Thursday March 24	Alta Vista Community Council (Liezl Mangonon)	6:30 p.m.	Nye Elementary School 981 S. Valencia Parkway
Thursday March 24	Broadway Heights Community Council (Breanna Zwart)	7:00 p.m.	6729 Charlene Avenue

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