



# Eliminating Hunger in District 4

Council President Young launches community initiative to provide food assistance to needy residents



Council President Young joins Director Essie Birgans of the Metro Good Neighbor Center at the faith-based organization's food pantry on 47th Street that assists more than 1,000 local residents monthly.

*Concerned that too many people in southeast San Diego neighborhoods are going without food, I am teaming up with food assistance programs to serve the needs of hungry residents.*

*In these challenging economic times, more and more people are struggling to fill basic needs like food and shelter. It is my goal to make sure that every man, woman and child in my district can find help putting decent food on their tables.*

*I am reaching out to dozens of local food pantries and charitable organizations that share my mission to reduce hunger and alleviate some of the devastating impacts it has on quality of life.*

*Working together with these vital nonprofit and government organizations to compile a comprehensive database of available resources, I hope to make it easier for people to find and participate in existing food programs.*

*No one should go to bed hungry when there are resources not being fully tapped.*

*If you or someone you know is in need of food assistance, please call my office at (619) 236-6644 to find the nearest food pantries and meal distribution sites in your neighborhood.*

## **COUNCIL ACTION ON MARCH 21:**

### *COMMUNITY GROUPS AWARDED FEDERAL GRANTS*

**The San Diego City Council awarded more than \$16 million in federal grant dollars for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs and projects citywide.** Seniors, youth, families, community organizations, and small businesses throughout District 4 will benefit from the funds allocated to social service programs and capital improvement projects.

## **YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:**

### *CLEAN SWEEP IN DISTRICT 4*

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



### *KEEPING CHOLLAS VIEW CLEAN*

**A successful community clean up took place in the Chollas View area on Thursday, March 17.** Thanks to the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department and Chollas View Neighborhood Council for their efforts that resulted in removing a total of 10.9 tons of waste from the community. For more information, call Solid Waste Enforcement Officer Stacy Workman: (858) 492-5084.

### *VALENCIA PARK CLEAN-UP CREW*

**Thanks to community volunteers like Ms. Dorothy James, another major cleanup took place Saturday, March 19 in the Knox/Lincoln Park area.**

Volunteer clean-up crews worked with the City's Environmental Services Department to remove nearly 55 tons of trash from the neighborhood. More info: call Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer Alejandro Alvarado: (858) 627-3317.

### *GET INVOLVED WITH 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, re-zonings 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 want more information on ways to get involved, please contact District 4 Representative Bruce Williams in my office: (619) 236-7175.

### *CURTAIN GOES UP ON COMEDY*

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

### *FLIP FOR 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.

### *DISCOVER SCIENCE*

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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: **Expo Day at Petco Park, Saturday, March 26 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** For details and a complete listing of events, visit: [www.sdsciencefestival.com](http://www.sdsciencefestival.com).



### ***FIRST TIME HOMEBUYERS MOVE TO HEAD OF THE CLASS***

**HUD Housing invites first time homebuyers to attend education class on Saturday, March 26** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 841 S. 41<sup>st</sup> 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, please call :(619) 263-7761, ext. 139 or online visit: [www.neighborhoodhouse.org](http://www.neighborhoodhouse.org).

### ***CESAR E. CHAVEZ MEMORIAL BREAKFAST***

**13<sup>th</sup> Annual Cesar E. Chavez Memorial Breakfast will be held on Monday, March 28** from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Bay Front Hilton. For more information, contact sponsor: Sherman Heights Community Center, (619) 232-5181.

### ***METRO 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](http://www.metrocareercenters.org).

### ***SECOND CHANCE JOB FAIR***

**Second Chance 2011 Job Fair is slated for Wednesday, March 30** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the War Memorial Building in Balboa Park. For more information, call Metro Region Business Services: (619) 266-4200 or online visit: [www.metrocareercenters.org](http://www.metrocareercenters.org)

### ***NHA UNVEILS NEW HOMEWORK CENTER***

**The Neighborhood Association's new Homework Center will open its doors on April 11.** The center, located at NHA's Social Service building 841 S. 41<sup>st</sup> Street, will offer middle and high school students a safe after school study environment, complete with homework assistance, computer and internet access, daily snacks and school supplies. Transportation also will be provided free of charge from select area schools. Hours of operation will be 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. For more information or to enroll your child, please call (619) 224-5240 or go online: [www.neighborhoodhouse.org/homework\\_center](http://www.neighborhoodhouse.org/homework_center).

### ***KUDUMU COMMEMORATIVE SCHOLARSHIP***

**High school seniors are invited to apply for \$1,000 Walter & Maisha Kudumu Commemorative Scholarship.** Presented by Pazzaz 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, call Pazzaz offices: (619) 264-6870 or email Barrie Owens: [kudumu2010@gmail.com](mailto:kudumu2010@gmail.com).

### ***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, call: (619) 262-2022 or visit: [www.projectnewvillage.com](http://www.projectnewvillage.com).

## ***SBA LOANS FOR WINTER STORMS***

**April 4th deadline is approaching for U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) low-interest loans** for residents adversely affected by the severe winter storms, flooding, and debris and mud flows that occurred December 18, 2010 through January 4, 2011. 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. To apply online, go to <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. For more information, call: 800-659-2955 or email: [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov).

## ***REDISTRICTING COMMISSION DRAWS PRELIMINARY MAP***

**The 2010 Redistricting Commission needs your testimony to help determine how district boundaries will be drawn.** Nine pre-map public hearings will be held in San Diego City Council Districts throughout April and May, including in District 4 at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. A special weekend hearing also will convene at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 30, Balboa Park Club, 2144 Pan American Road. For more information and listing of other upcoming public hearings, call: (619) 533-3060, or visit the commission's website: [www.sandiego.gov/redistricting](http://www.sandiego.gov/redistricting).

## **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>	<b>Community Meeting (District 4 Staff)</b>	<b>Meeting Time</b>	<b>Meeting Location</b>
Thursday March 24	Skyline Recreation Council (Roosevelt Williams III)	6:00 p.m.	Skyline Recreation Council 8285 Skyline Drive
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
Monday March 28	Coalition of Neighborhood Council (Bruce Williams)	6:00 p.m.	Tubman/Chavez Center 415 Euclid Avenue
Monday April 4	Skyline/Greater Skyline Hills Community Council (Breanna Zwart)	6:00 p.m.	Skyline Park and Recreation Center 8285 Skyline Drive
Monday April 4	City Heights Area Planning Committee (Bruce Williams)	6:30 p.m.	San Diego Workforce Partnership 3910 University Avenue
Thursday April 7	Mount Hope Community Meeting (Venus Molina)	6:00 p.m.	Mt. View Park and Recreation Center 641 S. Boundary Street
Thursday April 7	Valencia Park Town Council (Bruce Williams)	6:30 p.m.	Valencia Park Elementary 5880 Skyline Drive
Thursday April 7	Oak Park Community Council (Jimmie Slack)	7:00 p.m.	Oak Park Elementary 2606 54 <sup>th</sup> Street
Thursday April 7	Paradise Hills Recreation Council (Roosevelt Williams III)	7:00 p.m.	Paradise Hills Recreation Center 6610 Potomac Street

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