

VOICE

WE'RE JUST WILD
About Our Neighborhood!

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All RESIDENTS and BUSINESSES of: all of LANTANA, RENO, AUBURN (4758-5160) DRIVES; all of ONTARIO, CASTLE, South side of UNIVERSITY (4749-4849), East side of EUCLID (3611-3889), ESTRELLA (3803-3857) AVENUES; DWIGHT (4759-4792), WIGHTMAN (4750-4871) STREETS.

THE PEOPLE RALLY AGAINST THE ABOLISHMENT OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AREAS

Join us to rally against the abolishment of the Redevelopment Agencies (areas) by the State of California.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2011 @ 2:00 PM
5123 University Avenue, 92105
(The **Park** at Auburn Park)

Are you concerned about the loss of your job?

Every time a redevelopment project is approved and built hundreds of carpenters, framers, electricians, plumbers, designers, architects, carpet layers, landscapers, janitors, cleaners, maintenance workers, program administrators, property managers, appliance retailers, etc.,

Go to work and keep a job!

Are you concerned about your family's housing situation?

Redevelopment Areas set-aside 20% in tax increment dollars to build **AFFORDABLE** (30% of AMI) housing for the working poor, low income families, single parents, the disabled, the retired, the homeless, seniors and veterans.

Are you concerned about parks for your kids?

Redevelopment Agencies provide for the building of safe neighborhood parks with new sidewalks, landscaped medians, and street lights.

Are you concerned about the blight in your neighborhood?

Redevelopment Agencies provide low interest and forgivable loans to low/medium income homeowners to improve the front of their homes and to do minor home repairs. And it also provides programs to improve business fronts to eradicate blight.

ARE YOU TIRED?

If you are tired of living in a substandard neighborhood with substandard and dilapidated housing, sidewalks, street lights and **NO parks**, and with the agony of needing a job and not finding one? If so, **YOU**, your family and your friends need to join us at the **People's Rally!**

GET INVOLVED!

ATTEND THE RALLY!

**Bring your chair, your hat and let's rally
at Auburn Park!**

RECENTLY APPOINTED

Lieutenant Andrew T. Hoffman,
(Mid-City Division, SDPD: "820s Service Area")



At the association meeting of January 11, 2011, Police Officer **Luis Roman**, CRO, had the pleasure and honor to introduce to the community recently appointed Lieutenant Hoffman. Fox Canyon residents took the opportunity to WELCOME the new LT., and offered their support and partnership in his new appointment to make our community a better place to live. Lt. Hoffman comes extremely qualified to deal and to solve crime and law enforcement issues.

Born in Allentown, Pennsylvania came to San Diego at the age of 8. Lt. Hoffman grew up in East County, attended Granite Hills High School, Cuyamaca Community College and then San Diego State, majoring in Spanish.

He joined the SDPD in 1986 and spent his first 7 years at Central Division, working in Logan Heights and Downtown. Officer Hoffman at that time joined the SWAT team in 1992. In 1996 he was transferred to Eastern Division briefly, followed by Mid-City when the new station was opened. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1996 and remained in Mid-City, serving as a field supervisor in the 820's and 830's service areas until 2003.

In 2003, then Sergeant Hoffman transferred to Central Division and supervised the Gas Lamp Quarter for two years before returning to Mid-City Division to oversee the Multicultural Community Relations Office located at 5348 University Ave in 2006.

In 2007, Lt. Hoffman was promoted to his current rank and assigned to oversee the border area which he did for the following two years.

Continue to read about **Lt. Hoffman**, page 2

NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday, MARCH 08, 2011 @ 6:15 PM

5123 University Avenue

(Community Room at AUBURN PARK)

Proposed Agenda:

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS

During this meeting, the nuisance property at 4790/4802 Lantana, the 2010 survey priorities, stop signs, and YOUR issues will be on the agenda.

COME and JOIN US!

The BOARD of DIRECTORS

Will meet March 22, 2011 @ 6:30 PM

Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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Lt. Hoffman

Lieutenant Hoffman next spent one year in Operational Support testing new technologies and equipment for the department. In 2010 Lieutenant Hoffman was transferred to Eastern Division for a short ten month stint before returning to what he considers his home, Mid-City Division, in January of 2011.

Lieutenant Hoffman has a long-standing fascination with and appreciation for the rich and diverse communities that make up Mid-City Division. He is happy to be back and is looking forward to working with the active, talented and committed citizens that comprise this special place in the middle of the city.

Use my Community Relations Officer, Louie Roman, for all your needs and if he needs assistance, you can contact me at (619) 516-3041 or by email: ahoffman@pd.sandiego.com

STREET LIGHTS

Upon the insistence of two different residents on Lantana Drive, who placed numerous insisting and continuous calls into Streets Division, a transportation worker from the City of San Diego and the Block Captain walked Lantana and Euclid to mark the nonfunctioning street lights, which have been out since 2 to 3 years ago, on Friday, February 11, 2011, about 10:00 in the morning. By Wednesday of the following week, the streets lights were fully functional. We express our **THANKS** to the residents for their involvement and the Streets Division for their work. Jose

4790/4802 LANTANA

On Sunday, February 13, 2011, around 2:30 pm., swarming police cars, helicopter flying overhead trying to find the culprits, police officers all over the place, and Lantana was closed from Euclid to Dwight, again! This was the third time in one month. What prompted the police to visit the neighborhood with such show of force and loud speakers? It was an assault with a deadly weapon, a knife. The drama, the crime and the nuisance continue to play a prominent role on Lantana Drive and Wightman Street residents' peace & quiet and quality of life (see: **Crime Watch**, page 3). Jose

WITH DEEP SIMPATHY

On behalf of the People of Fox Canyon and the Board of Directors, the association's president express deep sympathy and condolences to the **Honorable Councilwoman Marti Emerald** in the Passing of her beloved husband.

NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES

At the last Association meeting (02/08/11) the community expressed the need to solve the following issues and problems:

Law Enforcement (police and school police, Marshall Elementary):

1. **Ice Cream trucks** at corner Sterling/Altadena after school around 3:00 pm [several trucks parked more than 15 minutes with music going on (noise)]. These vendor trucks have up-graded to the sales of bagged foods, chips and other eatable items. This situation started out as a single person with a single push cart, then one truck and now several vendor trucks (litter issues as well). Please check licenses for extended sales of food item, parking violations and other enforceable issues.
2. **Alley between the west of Euclid and 47th Street from University to Landis (CD-3)**, Drugs/drug sales, alcohol consumption, loitering.
3. **Speeders**: Castle, Lantana, corner Auburn/Euclid (also drivers not making the required stop at this corner).
4. **Ping-ball gun assault**: University/52nd Street @ bus stop.

Traffic:

1. 4-way stop at Euclid/Dwight
2. 3-way stop at Winona/Wightman
3. Painting a divider yellow line at Winona/Wightman

Parking Enforcement (72 hours, parking on curbs, blocking drive-ways):

1. **Wightman**: 4700 to 4800 hundred blocks.
2. **Euclid**: 3600 hundred block
3. **Lantana**: corner Dwight/Lantana
4. **Castle**: 4700 to 4800 hundred blocks.

Environmental Services Code Enforcement:

1. **5014 Auburn**: 14 trash cans and 3 huge piles of trash on the PROW (sidewalk and on the street, trail of trash).
2. **3817 Winona**: mattresses on the PROW
3. **3827 Winona**: mattresses on the PROW
4. **Winona/University**: 7-Eleven, trash/litter, once again, is being piled up and is bad.
5. **Alley between the west of Euclid and 47th Street from University to Landis (CD-3)**, Trash and litter.

Code Enforcement:

1. **5073 Sterling**: (illegal storage) huge TV's, broken.
2. **5005 Sterling**: (illegal storage) lots of junk and pieces of furniture

Water Department:

1. Providing bad customer service, bad attitude.
2. Not reading water meters (see street ranges, below)
3. Water Meter-Readers not reporting broken and leaking pipes (more proof that meters are not being read), 4700, 4800, 4900 and 5000 hundred blocks of Wightman Street including alley between Euclid and 47th Street and 3800 block of Winona.
4. Winona 3800 block at Wightman: sewer project left behind leaking sprinkle heads.

Graffiti:

1. Castle (all), lower Auburn Drive (5000 block, all), University/52nd Street, corner Euclid/Dwight, (@ Leo's), corner Winona/Wightman alley (between Euclid/47th Street, CD-3) from University to Landis Street.

Noise:

1. **Cars** driving with loud music on (Lantana, Dwight, Euclid, Reno, Auburn)
2. **Horn** honking (Lantana/Dwight)
3. **Dogs** barking constantly (Lantana, Dwight, Castle, Wightman, lower Auburn, Reno)

Dogs Running Loose (other dog problems):

1. Corner Wightman/Euclid (Pit-bull)
2. Corner Lantana/Dwight (a big black dog –Labrador?-)
3. Lantana (a German Sheppard, two multicolored Chihuahuas and a small long haired grey dog, a black and tan Chihuahua by Euclid)
4. Dogs in front lawns barking at pedestrians.
5. Dog poop all over the streets

RESPONSE TO THE ISSUES

Environmental Services Code Enforcement update (02/11/11):

5014 Auburn Drive – Notice of Violation sent.

3817 Winona Ave – nothing found (mattress is gone)

3827 Winona Ave – Notice of Violation sent.

Winona/University 7-11- checked area nothing found very clean

Alley between Euclid and 47th – Order sent to city crews to clean litter.

5073 Sterling Ct – Notice of Violation sent.

5005 Sterling Ct – Notice of Violation sent. Stacy Workman

On Wednesday, February 16, 2011 a neighbor called to say that all trash on the alley (between Euclid/47th Street and University/Landis, **CD-3**) had been picked-up and the alley was truly cleaned of all debris. We thank wonderful Stacy Workman for the order, Cynthia (CD-7 Rep) for the support and Environmental Services for the clean-up work.

THANK YOU

Thank you Ronnie for helping prune the streets trees on Lantana.

POTHOLE HOTLINE

Residents: this might be news for you; the Streets Division does **NOT** have a crystal ball! Therefore, they just will not show up automatically to fix the pothole in front of your house or on your street. You need to call and let them know.

(619) 527-7500

All you need to have is a correct address
(Usually, the one the pothole seats right in front of)

CRIME WATCH

RES BURGLARY	12/19/10-01/12/11	2230-0400	4900 AUBURN
ROBBERY	01/11/11	2215	3800 WINONA
DUI	01/16/2011	0131	4700 AUBURN
ASSAULT	01/16/2011	0450	4800 LANTANA
AUTO THEFT	01/21-01/22/11	2100-1100	3600 ROSELAWN
AUTO THEFT	01/24-01/28/11	1300-1200	4800 AUBURN
CITATIONS	01/25/2011	1420	3800 WINONA
AUTO BURGLARY	01/31-02/01/11	2030-0835	5300 AUBURN
NARCOTICS	02/01/2011	2129	4900 UNIVERSITY
DRUNK IN PUBLIC	02/03/2011	2350	4800 LANTANA
PROSTITUTION	02/11/2011	2330	4700 UNIVERSITY

ASSAULT	02/13/2011	1428	4700 LANTANA
NARCOTICS	02/16/2011	2258	5000 AUBURN



**Great news for San Diego:
Miramar Landfill stays public!**

In a victory for San Diego taxpayers and residents, Miramar Landfill will remain under publicly accountable control -- at least for now.

With the collapse of landfill privatization efforts, CPI is calling on Mayor Jerry Sanders to finally end the shortsighted and costly push to privatize or outsource the city's valuable assets and essential services.

The mayor's staff has been dealing behind closed doors for at least seven months with companies seeking to take over the landfill.

A press announcement late Friday blamed the collapse of the deal largely on unwillingness by the private companies to shoulder the financial risk of unknown environmental liabilities." The companies were looking for the kind of deal privatization too often provides, in which they're guaranteed a profit and taxpayers are left with financial and legal liability when things go wrong.

We applaud Mayor Sanders for standing up to the privatizers and refusing to make that kind of deal. We're glad he heard and apparently took to heart [concerns raised by CPI](#), the Sierra Club and many other community organizations.

A CPI [analysis](#) in January of the city's request for bids pointed out that taxpayers must be protected from legal and financial liability for long-term maintenance of closed landfills, environmental hazards and cases of contractor failure. The Sierra Club had [warned](#) City officials in November that a full Environmental Impact Report was required by state law before the landfill could be privatized.

Unfortunately, the Mayor has said he may try again to outsource landfill operations. Miramar landfill is a valuable public asset that makes money for the city and provides an essential public service. It does not belong under for-profit management.

Among many groups working with us to make sure the landfill is not privatized without thorough public review and clear guarantees of environmental protections, continued community services, contractor accountability, and continued progress to reduce the volume of waste are:

- Sierra Club San Diego Chapter
- Environmental Health Coalition
- League of Women Voters of San Diego
- Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association
- Serra Mesa Community Council
- Black Mountain Democratic Club
- Justice Overcoming Boundaries (JOB)
- Common Cause
- Victory Gardens San Diego

For more information, onlineCPI.org/landfill contains a brief report, [Miramar Landfill: a Public Asset](#), as well as [What's at Stake](#), our analysis of significant omissions in the request for bids.

**Thank you for your support!
Center on Policy Initiatives**

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FACELIFT

Dear City Heights Neighbor:

If you ever have received the benefit of a FaceLift [anytime during the last fourteen (14) years], to your house, count yourself to be extremely lucky and one of a kind. If the Redevelopment Agencies get abolished, as proposed by Governor Brown to balance the State's budget, your neighbors will never receive the immense benefit of receiving one, and the blighted and run-down look and feel of the neighborhood will continue to increase. Do you know that the City Heights Redevelopment Area set-aside funds to eradicate blight from the neighborhood? Do you know that the City Heights PAC grant money to **Community HousingWorks** and other nonprofits to do the FaceLifts and home rehabs on regular basis? "If you strongly believe that redevelopment and enterprise zones are a solid investment in our common future" (**Bob Kingsley**), you need to get involved! What can you do to help defeat this ill-conceived measure? Call, e-mail, write/fax letters to your State Assembly and State Senate representatives and attend the **RALLY!**

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ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

[Tuesday, February 08, 2011]

The meeting was called to order by President Lopez, at 6:20 PM.

Meeting attendance were twenty (20) adults, 1 child (Julia) including **Cynthia Harris** (Office of Councilmember **MARTI EMERALD**, 619-236-6677), **Ben Zeiger** (Office of State Assembly **MARTY BLOCK**, 619-462-7878), Police Officer **Luis Roman (CRO)**, 619-516-3038

Update(s) Announcements:

- Mr. Gabriel Gutierrez (Office of County Supervisor Ron Roberts) will not be attending the meeting tonight. He is with Supervisor Roberts in a

Latino event.

- Introduction of the new Board.
- Colina del Sol Movie Night, attend!
- 2011 MetLife Foundation Community-Police Partnership awards – applications due February 28, 2011.

Off-Agenda Public Comment: NONE

Neighborhood Concerns: NONE

Field/Comm. Rep's Reports:

1. **Ben Zeiger:** (1) Marty sends regards; (2) Last Thursday (02/03/11) about 100 constituents attended his budget meeting, (3) Considering the State budget, it is very important to hear from constituents, get involved, call 619-462-7878.
2. **Cynthia Harris:** (1) Pothole "Hotline", (2) New issue of Marti's newsletter (*newsletter, flyers and info cards are on the information table*), (3) Marti is available, to book a personal appointment during Thursdays with Marti, call 236-6677, (4) Water increase to take effect this March, (5) Protect Neighborhood Business reconsideration, passed, (6) Community Cleanup this approaching March 5 (see flyer).
3. Police Officer **Luis Roman**, CRO: (1) Good news! Neighborhood crime stats continue to go down, (2) Yard sales, (3) Multi-housing Managers Training update and report, (4) Major drug bust, Altadena Avenue, (5) other neighborhood crime issues

Presentation(s): NONE

Neighborhood Management:

Resident's Issues and Concerns:

(All attendees; see page 2)

Agenda Issues:

The 2010 Survey, the nuisance property at 4790/4802 Lantana, the Privatization of the Miramar landfill, Redevelopment Areas abolishment (part of the State budget and how it affect us?), stop signs at Dwight/Euclid & Winona/Wightman, **your** Issues, Q&A's

(The nuisance property at 4790/4802 Lantana, 2010 survey priorities, stop signs at Dwight/Euclid & Winona/Wightman were tabled due to time)

Refreshments:

A kind donation from **Doris Pierson**, **PBMS** and **Jesse Chavez**

Adjournment: At 7:49 PM, to the Corporation of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association Board Meeting of 02/22/11 at 6:30 p.m.

Jose Lopez, President

BOARD MINUTES

[Tuesday, February 22, 2011]

Meeting called to order by Chair Lopez, at 6:41 PM.

Meeting attendance was six (6) Boardmembers (Davis, Lopez, Ilginis, Shetter, Brown and Lopez) with Pierson excused due to illness (*we wish her a speedy recovery*) and two visitors (Saul and Julia Lopez).

Welcome and Introductions:

Public Comment: NONE

Board Members Comment:

- A speed meter is needed at the Pork-chop (Auburn/Wightman), speeders and drivers not respecting and stopping at the stop sign.
- A nuisance property is developing on the 3600 block of Euclid (eastside), loud talking, partying other noise and large gatherings at front of property. Living room furniture, canopy and other items on front lawn.

President's Report(s):

(1) The privatization of the Miramar landfill, issues and responses from the community.

Leading Motions:

- a. Motion to approve the agenda as proposed
- b. Motion to approve the minutes as published
- c. Motion to table monthly accounting report (Feb-11).
- d. Motion to approve motions from a-to-c by Shetter/Davis, passed 6/0/0.

Discussion Items:

1. The Privatization of the Miramar landfill resolution
2. The abolishment of the Redevelopment Agencies (areas) resolution
 - a. Authorize the president to gather signatures for a petition
 - b. Authorize the president to organize a **RALLY**
 - c. Authorize the president to organize a letter writing campaign
 - d. Authorize the president to publicize the resolution with delivery to all state legislative officials.
 - e. Authorize the president to develop a rally budget with cash expenditure limit of \$500 per item.
3. Correspondence (50th & University project, survey priorities, letter to CD-7 regarding neighborhood projects for the Redevelopment Area, other correspondence as needed)
4. Next association meeting (03/08/11): neighborhood issues/concerns (4790/4802 Lantana, survey priorities, stop signs, other issues).

Action Items:

1. Motion to approve the Miramar landfill resolution by Lopez/Ilginis, passed 6/0/0.
2. Motion to approve the Redevelopment Areas resolution with sub-items a to e by Shetter/Lopez, passed 6/0/0.
3. Motion to approved correspondence by Lopez/Davis, passed 6/0/0.
4. Motion to approve the Members' meeting agenda (03/08/11) as proposed by Brown/Shetter, passed 6/0/0.

Adjournment: At 7:35 PM, to the Corporation of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association members' meeting of March 08, 201@ 6:15 pm.

Mercedes Martinez-Shetter, Secretary.

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Doris Pierson proofreader, we're grateful for the donation of her precious time.

REDISTRICTING

2011 REDISTRICTING OF COUNTY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS

The County of San Diego's 2011 redistricting process has begun. You are invited to participate in an upcoming series of meetings of the County's Redistricting Advisory Committee ("Committee"). This panel of residents has been charged with taking public input and making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors as part of the 2011 redistricting process. State law requires the County Board of Supervisors to adjust the boundaries to balance the populations of the County's five supervisorial districts every ten years, based on the federal census. Adjustments to the county

district boundaries may change the supervisorial district in which a resident lives. All County residents have a stake in the out-come and public participation is a key component of the County's redistricting process.

The Committee's first public meeting is scheduled for **February 23 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 310 of the County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego, 92101.** The public is welcome to attend.

The five-person Committee was appointed earlier this year by the Board of Supervisors. The Committee will conduct a series of public meetings over the next five months. The Committee will hear and consider public input, 2010 Census data (*which by law becomes available by April 1*) and other population and demographic data in order to develop proposals for adjusting the districts so their populations are as equal as may be.

In addition to meeting at the County Administration Center, the Committee will be traveling to each of the County's five supervisorial districts to hold public meetings in late April and early May. At each meeting, you can learn more about the redistricting process, voice your ideas or concerns to the Committee, and monitor the Committee's progress. You can also submit proposed district maps for consideration in person or online. Ultimately, the Committee will present up to three redistricting proposals to the Board of Supervisors. The Board will consider the Committee's proposals and public input at its own public meetings. The Board's stated goal is to adopt an ordinance specifying the new supervisorial districts by July. The adjustments to district boundaries will determine which of the five County supervisorial districts you live and vote in beginning in 2012, and continuing through 2021.

Please visit the County's new redistricting webpage, where you'll find more details and the Committee's proposed meeting schedule and locations. Meeting agendas, mapping tools, 2010 Census data and proposed maps will be posted on the site as they become available. You can also subscribe to get email alerts with the latest redistricting updates. For more information please see

www.sdcounty.ca.gov/redistricting or contact the County via e-mail at redistricting2011@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

MIKEL HAAS

Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

CC: Board of Supervisors

Walter F. Ekard, Chief Administrative Officer

ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH
SAN DIEGO TO CELEBRATE ASIAN
HERITAGE MONTH AT 2ND ANNUAL ASIAN
CULTURAL FESTIVAL
Martial Arts, Cultural Performances, Cooking Demos,
and more at Asian Cultural Festival



SAN DIEGO, CA – San Diego will be experiencing a cultural festival in recognition of Asian Heritage Month at the second annual Asian Cultural Festival of San Diego, taking place on **Sunday, May 1, 2011** at the **NTC Park at Liberty Station in Point Loma.** This festival

will unite the Asian communities of San Diego in celebration of the diversity of Asian and Pacific Islander cultures, ethnicities, and peoples in San Diego!

All are welcome to this festival, which will showcase a main stage of entertainment featuring contemporary, cultural and traditional acts; and two other performance areas – one focusing on martial arts and cultural dances, and the other on ethnic cooking demos with samples of these cultural cuisines! A returning highlight from last year is the cultural exhibits, with fun educational facts and cultural displays showing the beauty of the countries of Asia. Including Japan, Thailand, China, Myanmar, Vietnam, and more, this will be an unforgettable interactive area where people can learn more about these countries.

In addition to the entertainment and culture, this festival will have a kid's area with crafts, such as calligraphy and origami. Intended to be a family-oriented event, there will be something for everyone!

Presented by the National Asian American Coalition, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, this will be the **ONLY** major event in celebration of Asian Heritage Month. Please contact us at acfsandiego@gmail.com or visit www.asianculturalfestivalsd.com for more information or to get involved with the Asian Cultural Festival of San Diego. Asian Cultural Festival of San Diego | www.asianculturalfestivalsd.com | acfsandiego@gmail.com

CONSUMER NEWS

The Consumer and Environmental Protection Unit of the City Attorney's Office have created a "Consumer News" Newsletter. It includes important tips about making sure you're getting the right kind of help when it comes to dealing with legal matters. For more information and/or additional newsletters, check out our website at:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/cityattorney/media/newsletters.shtml#cepu>.

Thanks!

Kristin Beattie

Deputy City Attorney,

Neighborhood Prosecutor and SDPD vice Liaison

San Diego City Attorney's Office, 619.533.5508

damages to qualify for state and federal aid. The OES can be reached at (858) 565-3490. Councilmember Emerald strongly recommends contacting the OES within the next month.

Emerald and the rest of the City Council approved an Emergency Storm Declaration January 4, the first step in the process to qualify for State and Federal aid.

Public Safety Chair Calls for Immediate Action

Councilmember Marti Emerald has announced that the long awaited Citygate Report will be presented to the Public Safety & Neighborhood Services Committee (PS&NS) on Wednesday, February 16, 2011. Councilmember Emerald, Chair of the City's PS&NS stated, "This report verifies that the consequence of our current situation with eight fire engines sitting idle every day must be addressed first before any other improvements can be made to fire safety in San Diego. I see all of the potential for this report to become another expensive study like the Fire Master Plan that is just sitting on the shelf being ignored. I call on every San Diego community and my Committee colleagues to come to this meeting prepared to begin the process of restoring adequate fire safety services to San Diego neighborhoods. Action needs to be taken and it needs to begin now."

Stu Gary, who conducted the study on behalf of Citygate, will be the principal presenter and will be available for questions. Fire Chief Javier Mainar will also be available to answer PS&NS member questions.



Water Purification | Demonstration Project

The City of San Diego invites you to join us for the second part of its three-part Urban Water Cycle Tour series. The tour series continues this spring with visits to the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The purpose of the tour series is to take a fresh look at the natural water cycle and how the continuous movement of water affects our local water supply. It is an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at the inner workings of three water treatment facilities that are otherwise not open to the public.

As a community leader with an interest in our local water supply, we hope that this opportunity will be of interest to you.

San Diego has limited local water sources and relies on importing approximately 85 to 90 percent of its water supply from the Colorado River and Northern California Bay-Delta. This imported supply is becoming less reliable, so the City is evaluating ways to increase use of recycled water to fulfill this need.

On the Urban Water Cycle Tour we visit three facilities to observe the extensive treatment system our water goes through at the Alvarado Water Treatment Plant, the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Advanced Water Purification Facility. In January and February, guests saw firsthand the water treatment process at the Alvarado Water Treatment Plant. In March and April we will visit the Point Loma Wastewater Plant. Tours of the brand new Advanced Water Purification Facility will be available later this year.

Dates and times for the Point Loma Wastewater Plant tours are listed below. Please RSVP to purewatersd@sandiego.gov or (619) 533-4631 on or before the date specified. See the attached flier for tour participant requirements.

Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant Tours:

Tuesday, March 15, 2011	1-3:00 p.m.	(RSVP by March 1)
Wednesday, March 30, 2011	1-3:00 p.m.	(RSVP by March 16)
Tuesday, April 5, 2011	9-11:00 a.m.	(RSVP by March 22)
Friday, April 15, 2011	9-11:00 a.m.	(RSVP by April 1)

I hope that you will take advantage of this exclusive opportunity to view



COUNCILMEMBER MARTI EMERALD

Seventh District

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San Diego Still Waiting on Federal Aid After Storms

Councilmember Emerald Presses FEMA for Answers

Councilmember Marti Emerald is in daily contact with FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency), pushing for federal assistance to San Diego property owners swamped by recent rains and flooding. It appears the city qualifies for federal aid because of the amount of damage to public and private properties, but San Diegans are still asking when repair dollars will be available.

A spokesperson for FEMA in Washington, D.C. told the Councilmember a decision has not yet been made nearly a month after storms dropped five to ten inches of rain on the San Diego region.

Councilmember Emerald helped to facilitate a FEMA tour this past Friday of flood ravaged areas in the 7th Council District, including Alvarado Creek. "I remain hopeful President Obama will sign an order very soon," said Councilmember Emerald. "We need those dollars soon to repair public and private property damaged and destroyed by our winter storms."

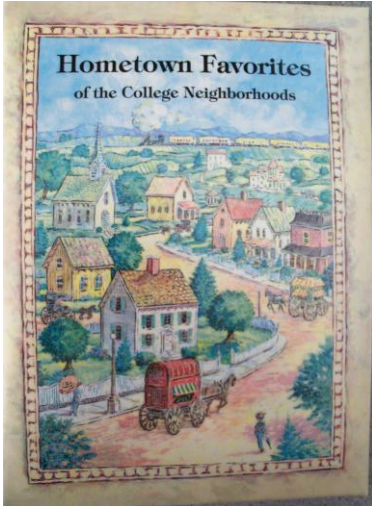
Meantime, San Diego County OES (Office of Emergency Services) is accepting applications from home and business owners who suffered storm losses. The OES will help property owners determine if they have sufficient

our water treatment system. I look forward to your participation in the Urban Water Cycle Tour.

Sincerely,

Marsi A. Steirer
Deputy Director
City of San Diego, Public Utilities Department

College Neighborhoods Foundation



By Jody Talbott

The College Neighborhoods Foundation is a California non-membership, charitable not-for-profit, incorporated in 1997. The founding members wished to unite the communities of San Diego that were the furthest east, south of 1-8 and north of Hwy94. To do this, they determined a charitable not-for-profit organization would be a way to keep community groups and this new organization separate. The College Neighborhoods Foundation, with a board of nine volunteers representing the various neighborhoods within the College Neighborhoods.

The College Neighborhood mission is to: **“enhance the quality of life of the entire College Neighborhoods and supporting the revitalization of our local businesses”**.

To support the mission, they were fortunate enough to be fiscal sponsors for such activities as the first Rolando Street Fair, a 5K run at Chollas Lake, Oak Park’s multilingual newsletter expansion, and the Mid-City RSVP’s. They co-sponsored the First Boulevard Boo! Parade, with the College Area BID and encouraged the BID to continue the parade which they have done. CNF have sponsored and continue to sponsor an Annual Home Tour. They are working on a history project of the College Neighborhoods, with the help of Historian James Newland. This history project includes oral history and a digital archive of photos which will culminate with a published History book as a collaborated effort, with the area community councils, they produced the Neighborhood cookbook, with a preview of the history project. This collaboration is a way for the community groups to raise funds.

The cost of the cookbook is \$13 with \$6 going back to your community.

By continually expanding their website, they offer access to information and opportunities to all College Neighborhoods groups, residents, businesses and institutions. They are assisting in the creation of a Business Association on University Avenue. For more information contact me at 619-683-9996 office or 619-339-5907 evening or view our website www.collegeneighborhoods.com

Dear Jose,

I wanted to let you know that on March 5th, my good friend, former Congressman Patrick Murphy, lead sponsor of the legislation to repeal Don’t Ask Don’t Tell is coming to San Diego! As the former Chairwoman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Personnel, I am proud to have held the first ever hearing on DADT in 2007, and to have worked with so many amazing people to ensure its repeal. I hope you will consider joining us to celebrate this civil rights victory.

We have a cocktail reception and an intimate dinner with the Congressman planned, and I would like to invite you to participate in one or both events. I have included the details below. Thank you - without your stalwart support we could not have succeeded. I look forward to seeing you on March 5th!

Warm regards,

Susan A. Davis, Member of Congress
2700 Adams Avenue, Suite 102, San Diego, California 92116, (619) 280-5353



Please join distinguished guest
Former Congressman Patrick Murphy
Lead sponsor of legislation to repeal Don’t Ask Don’t Tell
to honor
Congresswoman Susan Davis
and to commemorate her work to repeal Don’t Ask Don’t Tell

Saturday, March 5, 2011

Cocktail Reception
At the Home of Bob Nelson & Murray Olson
3624 Robinson Mews, San Diego, CA 92103
5:00 - 6:30 pm ★ *Guest* \$150

Dinner
At the Home of Bruce Abrams
3150 Second Avenue, San Diego, CA 92103
7:00 pm ★ *Host* \$2,400 ★ *Guest* \$1,000
(includes cocktail reception, limited seating)

RSVP: (619) 237-6020 or hernandez@finkhernandez.com

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First elected in 2006, Patrick Murphy served two terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. Prior to this, he served in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper. Mr. Murphy is a recipient of the Bronze Star for Service and was the first Iraq War veteran elected to Congress. During his service, he saw great soldiers discharged not because of any misconduct but because they were gay. At a time when the United States is engaged in two wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, Mr. Murphy believed that “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” threatened national security and hindered military readiness. On December 14th, 2010, he introduced the Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell Repeal Act of 2010 which would repeal the U.S. military’s policy that banned gay soldiers from serving openly.



"For we are not a nation that says don't ask don't tell. We are a nation that says out of many we are one."

President Barack Obama

REDEVELOPMENT

“Governor Brown will be remembered as the Governor who crippled California’s economy”

Jerry Sanders



In attendance to the Tuesday, February 22, 2011 press conference to disclose the measures against the proposal to abolish the Redevelopment Agencies are Mayor Jerry Sanders, Council President Tony Young and Councilmember Todd Gloria.

“San Diego officials detail redevelopment spending plans”

<http://www.cbs8.com/Global/story.asp?S=14079824>

DeMaio: Put pension reform on 2012 ballot



By Nathan Max, **UNION-TRIBUNE**

Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 9:22 p.m.

<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2011/feb/22/demaio-put-pension-reform-2012-ballot/>

SCRIPPS RANCH - San Diego City Councilman Carl DeMaio will fight to get pension reform on the ballot in the June 2012 election, he announced Tuesday night during his State of the District speech at Thurgood Marshall Middle School.

Speaking before a near-capacity crowd of about 250 in the school's auditorium, DeMaio said reform must include an end to pension spiking, that current city

employees pay their full and fair share of the cost of benefits and that new hires be required to take 401(k) plans instead of pensions. DeMaio added that pension reform should include all city employees, including police and firefighters. "A pension system that is not sustainable for a desk clerk does not some-how magically become sustainable for another classification of employee, no matter how much we value the work done," DeMaio said. "City employees should receive a retirement plan that is no better and no worse than the average San Diego taxpayer that is footing the bill."

DeMaio, a Republican, represents District 5, which encompasses the communities of Mira Mesa, Scripps Ranch, Sabre Springs, Carmel Mountain Ranch, Rancho Bernardo and San Pasqual.

DeMaio used a teleprompter to deliver his 38-minute speech, which called for the city to balance its budget, cut waste, reduce water rates and make

the city friendlier for business. He also frequently went after labor unions. The speech ended with a standing ovation from what appeared to be a very friendly audience. "It was comprehensive to the nth degree, with doable ideas that can be done if we can work together," said 83-year-old Hal Altenbern, a retired salesman and motivational speaker. "It was from the heart. He captured the audience."

Aside from pension reform, DeMaio said he wants to do what he called a, "Road Repair Rally," in which every pothole in District 5 gets documented and presented to the city. "We'll hold the city accountable for crossing every repair off that list," he said.

DeMaio said he wants to form a task force to find a way to reduce water rates by 15 percent without reducing water quality. He also called for the city to eliminate fees on all solar-energy projects.

DeMaio announced he will unveil a new initiative in June called the "Path to Prosperity," with the intent of developing economic development strategies for the city. The plan, he said, will focus on defense, tourism, communications, biotech and clean-tech. He called on the city to reject all tax and fee increases. "I will continue to fight for business-friendly policies that not only retain the businesses we have now, but help us attract new businesses to our region," he said. "If you want more revenue, the best way to sustainably achieve that is to expand jobs, rather than tax and charge the existing job base to death."

Outside the auditorium, Rancho Bernardo couple Jim and Carol Denton said they supported DeMaio's efforts. "I thought (the speech) was excellent," said Jim Denton, a 74-year-old retired aerospace engineer. "We just hope Carl can get the council and the city department people to implement his good ideas."

FREE COMMUNITY CLEANUP & RECYCLING EVENT

Taking advantage of this event? Please do and also remember that proof of residency will be required before you will be allowed to bring your discards in. Check the following map and make sure that you live within the District Seven boundaries. Please see flyer, page 10.



15th Annual
ROLANDO

STREET FAIR

**SUNDAY
MARCH
27TH**

**EL CAJON
AT
ROLANDO
BLVD**

**10AM
TO
6PM**

**KID'S
CORNER
&
CRAFTS**



MUSIC

10am Gone Tomorrow

11:30 Steph Johnson

1pm Billy Midnight

3pm Quino of Big Mountain
(w/Full Band)

5pm Len Rainey
& the Midnight Players

**RIDES
&
FOOD**

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Poster: Fred Crane, Rhonda Johnson
COUNCILMEMBER: MARTI EMERALD

PEACEFUL. FRIENDLY. ROLANDO

THE MIRAMAR LANDFILL



Preempting the gowing opposing efforts of the community, Mayor Jerry Sanders announced that the sale of the Miramar landfill, for now, is off the table. Sympathetic and fearful of the proposal perceived as the prelude to charge for trash collection, the association's Board of Directors passed a resolution opposing the privatization of the Miramar landfill. The resolution will be circulated in due time, just in case the sale of the landfill is on the table again.

Jose

FOX CANYON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

YEAR 2011

ASSOCIATION	BOARD
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2nd TUESDAY @ 6:15 pm

4th TUESDAY @ 6:30 pm

1	11-Jan	28-Jan
2	8-Feb	22-Feb
3	8-Mar	22-Mar
4	12-Apr	26-Apr
5	10-May	24-May
6	14-Jun	28-Jun
7	12-Jul	26-Jul
8	9-Aug	23-Aug
9	13-Sep	27-Sep
10	11-Oct	25-Oct
11	8-Nov	Sabbatical
12	13-Dec	

For your convenience, the association has made the effort to print the above schedule of meetings. Please cut it out and pin it on your refrigerator for ease of reading and meeting date reminder.

THE RIGHT THING TO DO

Cowardice asks the question, is it safe? Expediency ask the question, is it polite? Vanity asks the question, is it popular? But conscience asks the question, is it right? And there comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor polite, nor popular -but one must take it because **it is right.**

Martin Luther King, Jr.

THE RALLY FLYER

You have no idea how important is for you to attend the **RALLY** next Saturday. Please make serious plans to attend and be there. Since the rally is an out-of-doors event with a short time frame and in the park, you may bring children with you, they are definitely welcome. Help your community by spreading the voice inviting everyone to attend, including family members, neighbors and friends from everywhere in the city. You can also help by printing the flyer (**page 12**) and distributing it around your block. Make the commitment, this issue touches everyone's life personally and spans across the entire state.

You have a date with a FOX, see you there!!!



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

FREE COMMUNITY CLEANUP & RECYCLING EVENT (Bulky Item, Recycling and Tire Collection)

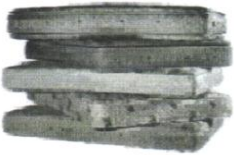
Open Only to City Residents in Council Districts 6 & 7
(Proof of residency required, see maps on reverse side)

Saturday, March 5, 2011

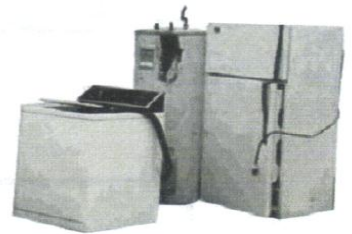
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Qualcomm Stadium

Items accepted include:



Appliances • Metals • Junk Furniture • Mattresses



Tire Recycling



Transportation of 10 to 20 waste tires requires a FREE hauler permit.
Call **619-533-3688** at least 1 week in advance to obtain FREE permit.
No rims, rimmed tires, truck or tractor tires will be accepted.



NO HAZARDOUS WASTE ACCEPTED

This includes paints, chemicals, batteries, light bulbs, motor oil, propane tanks, gas cylinders, etc.

NO CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS

This includes concrete, painted wood, bricks/blocks, asphalt, porcelain fixtures, etc.

For more information call: 858-694-7000

Sponsored by:



Funded by the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department, Transportation & Storm Water Department, Development Services Department (Solid Waste Local Enforcement Agency), and a Grant from CalRecycle.

Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association

Resolution of the Board of Directors

Let it be resolved by this Board of Directors of their opposition to the
abolishment of the Redevelopment Agencies

Whereas, the Redevelopment Areas now provide needed economic stimulus and Neighborhood Revitalization to poor communities, their residents and their kids by building needed neighborhood parks, streets, landscaped medians, sidewalks, street lights and multi-family housing projects;

Whereas, the Redevelopment Areas now provide Affordable Housing to low-medium income workers, single parents, the disabled, the retired, the homeless, seniors and veterans;

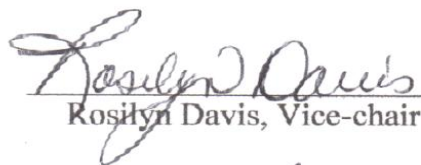
Whereas, the Redevelopment Areas now provide economic stimulus to depressed areas and are a vehicle to end blight in economically depressed and poor neighborhoods, like Fox Canyon, City Heights and other areas in the City of San Diego and elsewhere;

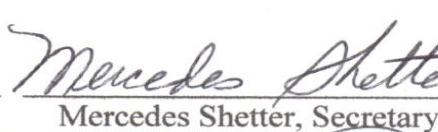
Whereas, the Redevelopment Areas provide needed economic stimulus and permanent employment to city staff, workers, area managers, planners, architects, property managers, printers, maintenance workers, landscapers, carpenters, painters, plumbers, electricians and many other workers and sub-contractors in the construction trade every time a new project is approved and built;

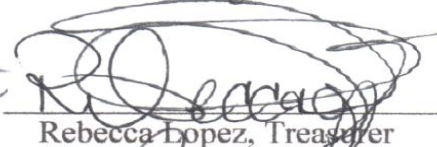
Whereas, the Redevelopment Areas now provide needed economic stimulus and employment to all types of vendors, retailers and suppliers, producers of building materials, tools and durable goods; and

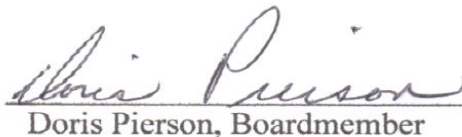
Whereas, the Redevelopment Areas create jobs and provide a vehicle for Economic Development to poor and blighted neighborhoods, like Fox Canyon;

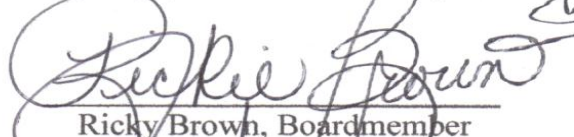
Therefore, be it Resolved by this Board of Directors, on behalf of the people of Fox Canyon, that this community and its people do not support, and it is entirely against, the abolishment of Redevelopment Agencies (areas) as a solution to balance the State of California's Budget.

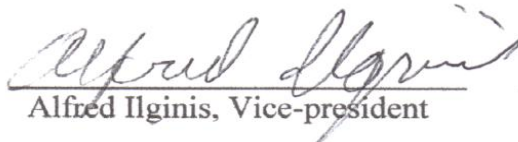

Rosilyn Davis, Vice-chair

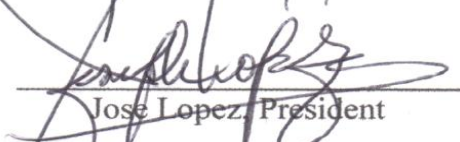

Mercedes Shetter, Secretary


Rebecca Lopez, Treasurer


Doris Pierson, Boardmember


Ricky Brown, Boardmember


Alfred Ilginis, Vice-president


Jose Lopez, President

Resolution Number: R2011-002, approved by the Board this Twenty-second day of February, 2011.

JOIN THE PEOPLE AS WE RALLY AGAINST THE ENDING OF REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES

SAY **YES** TO KEEP PEOPLE WORKING

SAY **YES** TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING

SAY **YES** TO BUILD SAFE PARKS FOR OUR KIDS

DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2011

TIME: 2:00 TO 4:00 P.M.


LOCATION: THE PARK AT AUBURN PARK

5123 UNIVERSITY AVENUE 92105

WHO: PEOPLE AGAINST THE ENDING OF OUR JOBS, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, PARKS AND THE ECONOMIC AND ENTERPRISE ZONES

WHY: WE NEED TO STOP THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FROM KILLING THE ECONOMIC ENGINE THAT PUTS PEOPLE TO WORK AND PROVIDES HOUSING FOR THE POOR AND PARKS FOR OUR KIDS TO PLAY IN SAFETY.

* This will be a casual event– please no business suits

 Fox Canyon **N**eighborhood **A**ssociation

For information: (619) 282-2788 and/or FoxCanyonN@aol.com