

# ECCC



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**March 20th – First Day of Spring**

**Please note we will be in the Youth Center and not the Parish Hall for the ECCC Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting.**

### **March is Election Time at the ECCC**

***Have you been thinking of volunteering in the community? Now is the time to come and help out the ECCC.*** If you care about your community, please give up a few hours per month to help us out. You really can play an important part in shaping the future of this great community of ours by joining the ECCC Board of Directors. Please don't take the attitude that someone else will do it for you. Community does count and with the way the world is shaping up, it will become even more important. Schools, crime, parks, and redevelopment are just a few of the important on-going issues.

The ECCC Board is attempting to raise sufficient funds for a community sign. Did you know the ECCC is the only Community around here that does not have one! Unfortunately, as with everything else, this is a very expensive proposition – probably in the \$150,000 to \$200,000 range. The ECCC would also like to develop its own independent web site – again we need help and commitment from the community. We have our own Blog spot (a job very well done by Carl), but we would also like to have our very own ECCC community Facebook page. Anyone interested?

The Board of Directors Elections will be held at this month's community meeting on **Thursday March 15, 2012**. Any active member of the ECCC is eligible for election to the Board. **You can nominate yourself or a**

**neighbor** by e-mail to [ECCC@cox.net](mailto:ECCC@cox.net) or by writing to the El Cerrito Community Council at P.O. Box 151268, San Diego, CA 92175-1268. Please, include your street in El Cerrito and an e-mail or phone contact. **Nominations will also be accepted at the March 15, community meeting or from the floor during the election.**

An **active member** of the ECCC is a resident, property owner, business owner or representative who has attended at least 1 general community meeting in the previous 12 months.

The geographic area of interest for the ECCC is within the City of San Diego bordered by 54<sup>th</sup>/Collwood Street (East side only); University Avenue (North side only); College Avenue (West side only); and south of Baja Canyon (The canyon South of Baja Drive). We'd love to see a flood of applicants!!!

### **Proposed Letter to Public Officials Concerning Facilities Plans for Crawford High School and Mann Middle School**

Members attending the January 19 community meeting voted to place this item on the agenda for the February meeting: a letter to government officials concerning plans for new and upgraded facilities at Crawford High School and Horace Mann Middle School. **The issue was postponed to the March 15 meeting because of a problem with notifying the membership in February.**

The ECCC Board of Directors is presenting the following options for the proposed letter. **ECCC members attending the March 15 meeting will vote to select the wording for each of the numbered items below.**

#### Recipients List

San Diego Unified School District  
Superintendent of Schools  
Facilities Planning and Construction Department  
Board of Education Office  
Individual Board of Education Members  
7th District City Council Member, Marti Emerald

#### Introduction

With bond funds approved in Proposition S, the San Diego Unified School District has been developing plans for new and upgraded facilities at Crawford High School and Mann Middle School in the community of El Cerrito. Along with new and upgraded classrooms and offices, these plans include upgrades to athletic facilities, including stadium

lights at the Crawford football field, relocated south of Trojan Avenue, east of Sharron Place.

During the Prop S election the citizens of San Diego were told that Prop S was to be a continuation of Prop MM and that by approving the measure we were approving continuing a property tax assessment on our homes for dollars that were to be spent on improvements to the school that would renovate and upgrade classrooms to provide the chance for a better education in state of the art classrooms for Career/Vocational Programs that teach "real world" job skills, wire every classroom and school for WiFi and the Internet, with technology upgrades for every school in every neighborhood as well as help with health and safety upgrades such as removal of hazardous asbestos and mold, upgrades fire alarms/safety doors, fixes unsafe school drop-off and pick-up zones, makes schools disabled-accessible, improves air quality, energy efficiency and installs security systems to protect our children.

Members of the El Cerrito Community Council have voted to make the following recommendations for Proposition S bond spending at local schools:

**Body (a bullet list)**

**1. Limits on Proposition S Spending**

- a. Limit the spending of Proposition S bond funds to projects listed in Prop S.
- b. No mention of limits on Prop S spending

**2. Equitable Distribution of Proposition S Funds**

- a. Distribute Prop S bond funds equitably among all the projects listed in Proposition S so that no school is denied a fair share of funds, including Crawford High School, Mann Middle school and other schools in the Crawford cluster.
- b. No mention of equitable distribution of Prop S funds

**3. Stadium Lights**

- a. Install stadium lights at the Crawford High School football field in order to provide students at this school with athletic facilities similar to other high schools in the district.
- b. Remove stadium lights from plans for the Crawford High School football field because of expected negative impacts from noise, light pollution, security issues, traffic and parking congestion.
- c. Seriously consider removing stadium lights from plans for the Crawford High School football field because of expected negative impacts from noise, light pollution, security issues, traffic and parking congestion.
- d. No mention of stadium lights

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**4. Working with Residents to Minimize Impacts on the Community**

- a. Continue working with the community to minimize expected negative impacts from facilities parades, including noise, security issues, traffic and parking congestion.
- b. No mention of working with residents

**5. Working with Other Urban Communities to Minimize Impacts**

- a. Continue working with the communities around all urban high schools to minimize expected negative impacts from facilities upgrades, including noise, security issues, and traffic and parking congestion.
- b. No mention of working with other communities

**Letter of Support to TASBS**

On February 5, 2012, the ECCC sent the following letter to Ronald Anderson, President, Taxpayers for Accountable School Bond Spending:

"Dear Mr. Anderson: Thank you for participating in the El Cerrito Community Council's January 19 community meeting, and for explaining the goals of Taxpayers for Accountable School Bond Spending (TFASBS). In accordance with the vote of the active membership, the ECCC Board of Directors gives permission to list the El Cerrito Community Council as a supporter on the TFASBS website. In particular, we support the TFASBS efforts to ensure that Proposition S bond funds are spent on the educational facilities listed in the Prop S initiative. Jan Riley, Chair, ECCC."

**Newsletter Donations**

All donations, large and small are always welcome and appreciated. We had some wonderful donations this month. Thank you so very much to all our wonderful anonymous donors: \$250 from 54<sup>th</sup> Street, \$100 from University Avenue and \$25 from 58<sup>th</sup> Street. You can make your donation to the P.O. Box # or use our PayPal link on the ECCC Blog at: <http://elcerritocommunitycouncil.blogspot.com/>

**Free 2012 Income Tax Preparation  
February 4<sup>th</sup> Through April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

The College/Rolando Branch located at 6600 Montezuma Road on **Tuesday/Wednesdays from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm and Thursdays from 9:30 am- 4:40 pm.** This is a walk in service provided by AARP for all clientele.

**Crime Update**

**Persons Portraying Themselves as SDGE Employees:** Individuals are portraying themselves as SDG&E employees - distracting owners while another person burglarized their home. This happened in the Northern Division. A similar incident here on beat 822 in the 5400 block of Trojan Avenue on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February between noon and 2 pm. An elderly female was approached by two or three Hispanic males. The male she spoke to was approximately 30 years old in a tan uniform. Please talk with your neighbors, especially any older people, as they were their targets. If you have any information or see

anyone matching the description please call police dispatch, **619-531-2000**.

**Cars Broken Into:** Two cars on Hinson Place (off Adams near 54th) were broken into. The neighbors did not see or hear anything. When the weather is bad, there is often an up-tick in burglaries. Again, if you see any suspicious activity, rain or shine please call 619-531-2000.

**House Burglary:** There is an increase in house burglaries in the neighborhood. Please, remember to be aware of who is in the neighborhood. Keep all windows and doors locked. Don't hesitate to call the police if something or someone looks out of place. Also, let your neighbors know if you're going to be out of town and if anyone should be at your home while you are gone.

**Eastern Division:** You can review the most recent annual comparison of crime statistics for Eastern Division by going to: [www.crimemapping.com](http://www.crimemapping.com) and [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) for alerts and statistics specific to your neck of the woods.

### **ECCC Sponsors Banner on El Cajon Boulevard**

**April 15**



Please look for our sponsor banner on the south east corner of 60<sup>th</sup> Street and El Cajon Boulevard. It will be displayed between now and April 30, 2012. If you would like to sponsor this banner or future ones on the Boulevard for the ECCC please let us know at: [ECCC@cox.net](mailto:ECCC@cox.net) or 619-287-2460.

### **Friends of College-Rolando Library**

The Friends of the College-Rolando Library play a key role at our local branch by supporting reading programs for children and youth, adult classes, a book club, community cultural events and other activities. We help raise funds for library books and programs as well as awareness of the library and its resources. Please visit our re-designed web site:

<http://collegerolandolibrary.org> to learn about current events, classes, volunteer opportunities plus links to San Diego Public Library and the community.

One important way we support our library is through book sales. We always have books for sale during library hours on carts in the foyer at the parking lot entrance, and in our Friends Book Sale room open 12:30-2:30 PM Tuesday and 12-2 PM Saturday. We welcome your

donations of books in good condition (no textbooks, please), which you can drop off at the front counter.

It's our annual membership renewal time. If you are not already a member, please contact Armin Kuhlman at [armin10k@sbcglobal.net](mailto:armin10k@sbcglobal.net) or visit our web site to learn more about joining our Friends of the College-Rolando library and donor opportunities.

### **Update on Family Health Care Centers Parking Lot on the East Side of Dayton**

We understand the plans for the parking lot east of the clinic have not yet been forwarded to the City Planning Department. Family Health Centers construction team is working internally on the design (including landscape, hardscape, irrigation, fencing, paving, striping etc.) and securing appropriate funding for this part of the project. Once both are complete the plans will be forwarded to the City for review and consideration. The CACC has requested that Family Health Centers present their plans to the Project Review Committee for review before sending them to the City.

### **Boundaries for New 9th District & Who Is Running for City Council in the New District**

There have been some questions regarding the boundaries of the new District 9 and who is running for the City Council in the new District. Below are links for the new District 9 and information on the newly announced candidate. Marti Emerald is also running for her second term:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/redistricting/pdf/2011/2011MapD9.pdf>

[http://www.scoopsandiego.com/news/local/mateo-camarillo-candidate-for-san-diego-city-council-district/article\\_1fa19436-5280-11e1-8d6e-001a4bcf6878.html](http://www.scoopsandiego.com/news/local/mateo-camarillo-candidate-for-san-diego-city-council-district/article_1fa19436-5280-11e1-8d6e-001a4bcf6878.html)

[http://www.voiceofsandiego.org/cafe-san-diego/article\\_03b12012-543c-11e1-8d7c-0019bb2963f4.html](http://www.voiceofsandiego.org/cafe-san-diego/article_03b12012-543c-11e1-8d7c-0019bb2963f4.html)

### **Guest Speakers at College Area Community Council**

**By Doug Case, President, CACC**

Representative Susan Davis, who has represented California's 53rd District since 2001 will be giving a Congressional update at the March 14 CACC meeting. Davis serves on the House Armed Services Committee, where she is the ranking member of the Subcommittee on Military Personnel. She also sits on the Education and Workforce Committee. Her signature issues include defense, education, health care, veterans' affairs and election reform. Prior to serving in the U.S. in Congress, Susan served six years in the California Assembly and nine years on the San Diego Unified School District Board of Education. She is a resident of Kensington.

As you recall, the College Area is now in the 2nd County Board of Supervisors District, represented by Dianne Jacob. Dianne will be coming to our April meeting. More details next month.

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The Community Outreach Committee is proposing the CACC have a candidate's forum at the May meeting for the new 9th City Council District which encompasses the College Area. Marti Emerald and Mateo Camarillo have filed to run for that seat. We will be seeking co-sponsorship from Rolando and El Cerrito Community Councils and are looking into the possibility of another venue.

### Sale of Center Point – 63rd & El Cajon Blvd

The sale of the vacant 8.93 acre CentrePoint property at 63rd and El Cajon Blvd to Carmel Partners for \$14M was announced on Feb 10. The announcement in the Daily Transcript included information that Carmel plans 312 apartments in a "wrap design" with the development's parking garage in the middle of the property. If the site is developed per the code, the developer will not have to come before the Eastern Area Planning Group. Hopefully CPIII Center Point owners will come before the planning/-community groups to show us their plans.

### 16th ANNUAL ROLANDO STREET FAIR

Organized by the Rolando Community Council  
**SUNDAY March 25**



## NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Thursday, March 15 2012

7:00pm to 8:30pm

**Blessed Sacrament Youth Center**  
(El Cajon Boulevard at El Cerrito Drive)

**Community Vote: Election of ECCC Board of Directors**  
*Letter to public officials about facilities plans for local schools*

#### Local Area Meetings & Committee Groups

**ECCC Meeting** - Third Thursday at 7:00 pm, Parish Hall, Blessed Sacrament Church, El Cajon Boulevard & El Cerrito Drive

**ECCC Board Meeting** - First Thursday at 7:00 pm, Library, Blessed Sacrament School, El Cajon Boulevard & El Cerrito Drive

**Eastern Area Communities Planning Committee** - Second Tuesday 7:00 pm, Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 2725 55th St.

**College Area Community Council** - Second Wednesday at 7:00 pm, College/Rolando Library corner of Montezuma & Reservoir

**College Area Project Review Committee** - First Wednesday at 7:00 pm, College/Rolando Library - Corner of Montezuma & Reservoir

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**10:00am to 6:00pm**

**Rolando Blvd. at El Cajon Blvd.**

For more about the event and the vendor application, visit the RCC website at:

<http://www.rolandovillage.com/category/2012-rolando-street-fair/>

To volunteer, contact: Bhullar.Supi@gmail.com

### CALIFORNIA-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPE CONTEST OF 2012

Sponsored in San Diego by the Public Utilities' Water Conservation Program

**FRIDAY April 6 application deadline**

for more information visit the California-Friendly Landscape Contest website at

<http://www.landscapecontest.com/index.htm>

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