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MAYOR FILNER, COUNCILMEMBERS TO SPEAK AT YOUTH FORUM

(San Diego) – County high school students can discuss the region’s environmental issues with Mayor Bob Filner and four Councilmembers at the annual 2013 “Green Students” Youth Forum, coordinated by the City’s Environmental Services Department.

The free event will be held 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, March 23 at SDGE’s Energy Innovation Center, 4760 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego. Pre-registration is required no later than March 22.

Students will learn about climate change issues, energy efficiency and “green” career paths in workshops that emphasize sustainability and energy efficiency.

Mayor Filner will speak at 1 p.m. City Council President Todd Gloria, Council President Pro Tem Sherri Lightner, and Councilmembers Marti Emerald and Mark Kersey will address the students at 10 a.m. A question and answer period will follow each presentation.

The keynote speaker is a nationally known 20-year old “green” leader Jordan Howard, who describes herself as a “thought leader at the intersection of sustainability, environmental education and youth empowerment.” She has won awards for her work in developing youth programs across the nation and has opened for Hillary Clinton at fundraisers to develop youth programs. Howard will speak at 9:30 a.m.

A free sustainable lunch will be prepared by professionally trained and local Chef Yapo, who encourages students to see the benefits of buying local food, gardening and composting. Students will discover that eating sustainably does not mean sacrificing taste and quality in any meal.

No more student registrations will be taken at this year’s Youth Forum because the event is filled to capacity. For more information on the annual Youth Forum, please visit www.sdyouthforum.org.

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