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DISTRICT FOUR

JUNE 26, 2013 WEEKLY UPDATE

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RECENT COUNCIL ACTIONS:

On Monday, June 24 the San Diego City Council approved one-year contract extensions with the Metropolitan Transit System to continue operating citywide taxicabs and Rural/Metro to manage the ambulance services. City Staff will be rolling out a study on the current taxicab operations, and also reviewing a competitive bid process for future ambulance services.

On Monday, June 24 the San Diego City Council voted unanimously to allocate approximately \$30 million to the Tourism Marketing District. That amount is what hoteliers estimate guests will pay through a 2 percent room surcharge. The City collects the money and will begin distributing in small increments to the tourism group starting in August.

On Tuesday, June 25 the San Diego City Council approved the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget for Civic San Diego, successor to the City's Redevelopment Agency. Councilmember Cole stated that Civic San Diego will be instrumental in her efforts to revitalize southeastern San Diego neighborhoods and attract new development dollars and shovel-ready projects to District 4. She noted that much-needed Community Plan Updates also will help streamline permitting and funding for public-private developments.

On Tuesday, June 25 the San Diego City Council unanimously approved \$1.9 million to fund two year-round homeless shelters, including the adult emergency shelter in Barrio Logan and the veterans shelter in the Midway District.



Councilmember Cole joins San Diego County Supervisor Dave Roberts, San Diego Unified School Board Vice President Kevin Beiser and California Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez at a SEIU "People First" Community Rally and March on June 22.



A MESSAGE FROM MYRTLE:

My job as your representative on the San Diego City Council is to be the leading voice on behalf of District 4 residents to make sure our neighborhoods receive their fair share of public services and capital improvement projects. In just three weeks of holding office, I've already rolled up my sleeves and

am getting things done in Council District 4.

I'm proud to report that the City's budget for the fiscal year starting July 1 includes funds for the long-awaited Skyline Hills Library and Martin Luther King, Jr. Promenade as well as money to spruce up the Tubman-Chavez Center, enhance public safety programs and expand branch library hours. As newly appointed Vice Chair of the City Council's Infrastructure Committee, I will be working hard to make sure District 4 gets new sidewalks, more streets paved and potholes filled, in addition to funding for much-needed projects such as community centers and fire stations.

This is a vast and amazing District, and each of our 20 distinct neighborhoods has its own needs and priorities. We must work together not only in identifying these issues, but also in finding cost-effective and common-sense solutions to those challenges and opportunities. I look forward to hearing your feedback on top projects and priorities in your community, and working together to put our neighborhoods and residents first!

MENSAHE GALING KAY MYRTLE:

Biang inyong kinatawan ng San Diego City Council, ako ang inyong magiging nangungunang boses sa ngalan ng District 4 para sa ating mga residente, upang matiyak na ang ating mga kapitbahay ay makatanggap ng kanilang patas, ibahagi ng mga pampublikong serbisyo at kabiserang pagpapabuting mga proyekto. Sa lamang tatlong linggo na hawak ko ang opisina, ako ay nagsisimula na sa mga bagay-bagay na importante sa Konseho ng District 4.

Maipagmamalaki ko na ang badyet ng Lunsod para sa piskal na taon simula July 1, kasama rito and pinagkahihintay na Skyline Hills Library at Martin Luther King, Jr Promenade, pati na rin ang pera para sa paglinis ng Tubman-Chavez Center, mapahusay ang mga pampublikong mga programa sa kaligtasan at palawakin ang oras ng bukas ng mga aklatan.

Bilang bagong itinalaga na Vice Chair ng Infrastructure Committee ng Konseho ng Lunsod, ako ay magtatrabaho ng mabuti, upang matiyak ang District 4 na makakakuha ng bagong bangketa, aspaltado ang mga kalye, at maayos ang mga sirang lansangang, at karagdagan sa pagpopondo para sa mga kinakailangang proyekto tulad ng mga sentro ng pamayanan at estacion para sa mga bombero.

Ito ay isa sa pinaka malawak at kamangha-manghang mga Distrito, at ang bawat isa sa aming 20 natatanging mga kapitbahayan ay may mga sariling pangangailangan at prayoridad. Kailangan nating magtulungan, hindi lamang sa pagtukoy ng mga isyung ito, kundi rin sa paghahanap ng mga cost-epektibo at karaniwang-kahulugan ng mga solusyon sa mga paghamon at pagkakataon. Inaasahan ko at inaabangan ang panahon na marinig ang inyong feedback sa tuktok ng mga proyekto at prayoridad sa inyong komunidad, at tayo ay magtatrabaho nang magkasama, upang nauunang ilagay ang ating mga kapitbahayan at mga naninirahan!



MENSAJE DE MYRTLE:

Mi trabajo como su representante en el Concejo Municipal de San Diego es ser la voz principal de parte de los residentes del Distrito 4 para hacer que nuestros vecindarios reciban su parte justa de los servicios públicos y proyectos que mejora el capital. En tan sólo tres semanas de ocupar mi cargo, ya he logrado que se completen varios proyectos en el Concejo de Distrito 4.

Estoy orgullosa de informar que el presupuesto de la Ciudad para el año fiscal que comienza el 1 de julio incluye fondos para la esperada Biblioteca Skyline Hills y el embellecimiento del sitio Martin Luther King, Jr. al igual dinero para arreglar el Centro Tubman-Chávez, mejorar programas de seguridad al público y ampliar las horas de la biblioteca.

Como recién nombrada vicepresidenta del Comité de Infraestructura del Ayuntamiento, voy a trabajar duro para asegurarse que el Distrito 4 tenga nuevas banquetas, más calles pavimentadas y baches llenos, además de la financiación de proyectos muy necesarios tales como centros comunitarios y estaciones de bomberos.

*Este es un gran y asombroso Distrito, y cada uno de los 20 barrios distintos tiene sus propias necesidades y prioridades. Tenemos que trabajar juntos no sólo en la identificación de estos temas, sino también en la búsqueda de soluciones, afrentarnos a los desafíos y tomar ventaja de las oportunidades. Espero con interés escuchar sus comentarios sobre los proyectos y las prioridades de su comunidad, y trabajar juntos para poner **nuestros vecindarios y residentes primero!***

RECENT COUNCIL ACTIONS (CONT.):

On Wednesday, June 26 Councilmember Myrtle Cole was seated as a member of the City Council's Public Safety & Neighborhood Services Committee. Councilmember Cole commended a "Crime-Free Multi-Housing Program" report from the San Diego Police Department about its successful partnership with Nextdoor.com, a private online social safety network to help high-risk residents reduce crime and improve their quality of life. Many District 4 neighborhoods, including Encanto, use Nextdoor.com and find it a helpful tool in sharing information and keep in touch with their neighbors about crimes and other suspicious activities.

(Note: The San Diego City Council meetings of July 1 and 2 are adjourned for the Independence Day Holiday. Next regularly scheduled City Council meetings will be held July 8 and 9 in 12th floor Council Chambers at downtown City Administration Building, 202 C Street.)

GETTING THINGS DONE IN D4:

Councilmember Cole and her staff are putting residents first and getting things done in neighborhoods throughout District 4, including these recent public safety and community improvements:

-Operation Safe Summer for San Diego Youth kicked off on June 21 as law enforcement, city officials and community leaders gathered to launch a District-wide effort to reduce the number of young people involved in criminal activity and increase ways to make it a safe and fun-filled summer.

-Community Cleanup on June 22 removed 46.78 tons of waste from the Lomita area. Call us to schedule a cleanup event in your community.

-Upcoming Cleanup Event is set for Saturday, July 13 in the Encanto neighborhood.

-Asphalt Overlay is scheduled for Wednesday, July 3 on 61st and 63rd Streets in the Encanto neighborhood.

-Safety Guardrails were installed along 60th Street from Federal Boulevard to Broadway. Slow down and drive safely.

-Pothole Patching will take place regularly in streets throughout District 4. City Streets Crew will be working in our communities on Tuesday, July 9. Be sure to request pothole repairs for your neighborhood.

- Street Sweeping scheduled for July 1 in Valencia Park community. Please park cars in driveways and remove other vehicles, trailers, trash cans and other items from the street.



YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

ALL WOMEN MARCH AGAINST VIOLENCE

Epiphany Women in Focus presents “Enough is Enough”-- an all woman march against violence starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 29 at the Tubman/Chavez Center, 415 Euclid Ave .

Following the hour-long march, a special ceremony will be held to recognize women in the southeastern San Diego community who are committed to making our neighborhoods safer. For more information about the free march and rally in District 4, please call: (619) 408-7369.



FREE LEGAL WORKSHOPS



The Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association and the San Diego Raza Lawyers Association will be holding the annual Neighborhood Law School Program to provide free legal workshops taught by top local attorneys.

These free workshops (in English and Spanish) are held Monday evenings throughout the summer from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Jacobs Center for Innovation, 404 Euclid Ave., and cover a variety of legal topics of interest to employees, business owners, landlords, renters and residents of San Diego. Next up on **Monday, July 8** is: Running a Business. For information about these informative sessions, contact Alara Chilton at: (619) 672-7201.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE NIGHT

Come celebrate African American Heritage Night at Petco Park on Friday, July 12. The San Diego Padres will be wearing Retro Pacific Coast League Jerseys and playing the San Francisco Giants. Great family fun and blocks of seats are available for neighborhood, business, church and community groups. Free fedora hats will be given to the first 25,000 attendees and stay after the game for Fireworks in the Park in the Park. For information, contact Susan Paul, San Diego City Attorney's Office at: (619) 531-3439.

CAMP CHARLES LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN

The Charles L. Lewis III Foundation is sponsoring Camp Charles, a free one-day summer camp for young men ages 7-15. The 8th annual event will be held on **Saturday, July 20 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** at the George L. Stevens Senior Center, 570 S. 65th Street. This year's theme "Looking Forward-My Mind, My Future" will feature interactive career-based activities. Space is limited to the first 40 participants. For more information and to pre-register, please call: (619) 434-3454 or visit online: charlesllewis3.org.

LOMITA CLEANUP

Each year the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department conducts special community cleanup events in neighborhoods throughout the City.

Areas are selected for these events based upon citizen request, pledges of community involvement and previous citizen participation levels. On June 22, Environmental Services, along with resident Richard Lujan, conducted a community cleanup in the Lomita area that successfully removed a total of 46.78 tons of waste (39.66 tons of non-recyclables and 7.12 tons of recyclables) consisting of metals and appliances from the neighborhood. For more information about this cleanup, please call City of San Diego Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer Michael Flores at: (858) 627-3314.



FREE LUNCHES FOR LOCAL KIDS

San Diego Park & Recreation Department and San Diego Unified School District will provide thousands of free and nutritious lunches and snacks to children 18 and under through its 2013 Summer Fun Café program.

District 4 children can receive free lunches through the end of August.

(Monday through Friday, from 12 to 1 p.m.) at **Chollas Lake, Encanto and Skyline Hills Recreation Centers** as well as the **Jackie Robinson Robins**

YMCA, Bell Middle School, O'Farrell Middle School and Lincoln High School. For detailed information about the citywide Summer Fun Café, please call: *211 Info Line or online go to: sandi.net/food.



RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay for Life of Southeastern San Diego will be held Saturday, July 20 at Morse High School, 6905

Skyline Drive. The American Cancer Society Relay for Life is a life-changing event that helps our community celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost and fight back against the disease. For more information, call: 1-800-277-2345.

FRIDAY FARMERS MARKET

Come to the People's Produce Farmers Market every Friday from 3 to 7 p.m. at 4981 Market St.

This local marketplace features fresh produce, prepared foods and much more. Food stamps / EBT, WIC and senior nutrition vouchers are accepted and matched up to \$10 per month. For more information, contact Project New Village at: 619 262-2022 or email: info@projectnewvillage.org.

SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

Nutritious down-home style cooking featuring San Diego's nationally celebrated Chef Rick is served Monday through Friday from noon to 2 p.m. at the George Stevens Senior Center, 570 S. 65th Street.

For reservations or more information about the low-cost meals, call: (619) 266-2066.

YMCA SUMMER SPORTS KICK INTO ACTION



Jackie Robinson YMCA summer sports kick off in July. This summer the YMCA will be offering youth basketball, soccer, pee wee sports for 3-5 years of age, as well as cheer and football clinics. We are starting competitive teen basketball clinics as well as running a teen basketball league this summer as well. We are also running adult soccer Monday through Friday! Get off the sidelines and get into the game! For more information, please contact Patricia King: (619) 264 0144 ext. 107 or visit the website online at: jackierobinson.ymca.org.

FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR ROOF REPAIR

Does your roof need repair or replacement? Local non-profit Rebuilding Together San Diego has funds available for qualified low-income homeowners to get a new roof at no cost. Last year the organization replaced 17 roofs and it hopes to provide additional services to District 4 residents starting in July. For more information on how you can apply for roof repair and replacement funds, or to find out about other "Safe at Home" programs, please contact Stella Villasenor at: (619) 231-7873.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR NEW E3 CIVIC HIGH
Applications are now available for 9th and 10th graders for admission to the 2013-2014 school year at the new e-3 Civic High at the San

Diego Central Public Library. This free public charter school is focusing on a 21st century college and career preparatory curriculum. Apply in person at the temporary office at 1855 First Ave., or call: (619) 699-1242 or online: e3civichigh.com



REPORT D4 POTHOLES

The City of San Diego's Street Division repairs over 30,000 potholes each year using everything from a hot patch truck to bagged asphalt. Street Division's goal is to fix all potholes reported as soon as possible. Priority is given to potholes that may affect drivers, the rest are on a first come, first served basis. Every so often, and especially after a long rainy season, Street Division crews will work on a "Pothole Saturday." It is difficult for City crews to find all the potholes, so they rely on the public to make note of them. To report a pothole, please call: (619) 527-7500 or use the online Service Request system at: sandiego.gov/street-div/services/roadways/holes.

DISCOUNT INTERNET FOR STUDENTS

San Diego Futures Foundation, in sponsorship by Cox Communications, provides Internet discounts to low-income San Diego students and their families. To qualify for the recently launched Connect2Compete program, students must reside in a Cox service area and participate in the National School Lunch Program. For more information, please call: (619) 855-8007 or visit: sdfutures.org.



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COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

Meeting Date	Community Meeting (District 4 Staff)	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
Wednesday June 26	Encanto Community/Rec Council (Luis Natividad)	6:30 p.m.	Encanto Recreation Center 6508 Wunderlin Drive
Thursday June 27	Broadway Heights Community Council (Jimmie Slack)	7:00 p.m.	TBD
Thursday June 27	Skyline Hills Recreation Council (Community Representative)	6:00 p.m.	Skyline Hills Recreation Center 8285 Skyline Drive
Monday July 8	Jamacha Community Council (Luis Natividad)	7:00 p.m.	Trinity Lutheran Church 7210 Lisbon Street
Monday July 8	Southeastern Planning Committee (Tylisa Suseberry)	6:00 p.m.	Neighborhood House Association 841 S. 41st Street
Tuesday July 9	Emerald Hills Neighborhood Council (Jimmie Slack)	6:00 p.m.	Johnson Elementary 1355 Kelton Road
Tuesday July 9	Eastern Area Planning Committee (Tylisa Suseberry)	7:00 p.m.	Holy Spirit Catholic Church 2755 55th Street

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