



## Construction starts on Euclid Family Health Center



San Diego City Council President Young joins Mayor Sanders, Councilmember David Alvarez, San Diego County Supervisor Ron Roberts and San Ysidro Health Center officials at the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Euclid Family Health Center. The new 25,000-square-foot facility at 950 S. Euclid will increase access to health services and efficiency by providing a “one-stop-shop” model of care for the community.

### COUNCIL ACTIONS:

#### *SOLVING THE CITY'S BUDGET PROBLEMS*

**The San Diego City Council unanimously supported Council President Young's historic new “Menu of Options” approach to solving the city's budget problems.** The Council approved moving ahead with a resolution for cost-cutting proposals that would help erase the city's projected \$56 million deficit without cutting vital public services. This resolution completes a long process to involve the residents of San Diego in our city budget process, beginning with year-long San Diego Speaks forums and concluding with Council support for top fiscal priorities and key budget-savings initiatives from the “Menu of Options.” The Council's action highlights a key component of the new Strong-Mayor/Strong-Council form of government with leadership responsibility for the budget (and other city matters) shared equally between our legislative and executive branches. The Council will approve a formal resolution on April 12, which will be presented to the Mayor for his review and consideration to put into his proposed budget plan due to the Council on April 16.



### *REGULATING MEDICAL MARIJUANA*

**The San Diego City Council approved comprehensive medical marijuana regulations that limit dispensaries to some commercial and industrial zones, and require an extensive community approval process for conditional use permits.** Under the new rules that will go into effect in the next few months, cooperatives will have to be at least 600 feet from each other as well as schools, playgrounds, libraries, child care and youth facilities, parks and churches. They also will have limited business hours and mandatory security guards.

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

#### *GET INVOLVED WITH LOCAL PLANNING GROUPS*

**District 4 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.

#### *FOOD ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO OUR RESIDENTS*

**Let's eliminate hunger in our community.** We are working with faith-based groups and other local nonprofit organizations to help needy residents in District 4 put food on their tables. 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.

#### *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)

#### *FREE CHEER AND DANCE CLINIC*

**San Diego Show All-Stars is offering a free spring clinic on Saturday, April 9** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 5275 Market Street. Check in begins at 9:30 a.m. Clinic is geared to first-time participants who want to learn cheer motions and jumps, as well as experienced youth cheerleaders looking to enhance their skills. Cool hip hop dance moves also will be taught to boys and girls ages 5 and older. Space is limited and pre-registration is recommended. Contact Coach Debbie at: (619) 518-8184 or visit website: [www.sandiegoshowallstars.com](http://www.sandiegoshowallstars.com).



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

**Neighborhood Association's new Homework Center will open its doors on Monday, April 11.** The center, located at NHA's Social Service building at 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).

### ***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 one 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).

### ***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)

### ***CURTAIN GOES UP ON COMEDY***

**Season finale comedy "Octette Bridge Club" will be staged through 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 and more information: (619) 264-3391.

### ***OUT OF THIS WORLD DOCUMENTARY***

**EIS will screen "Hubble's Diverse Universe" documentary on Saturday, April 30 at 12:30 p.m.** in the Lecture Theatre, 605 51<sup>st</sup> Street. The 40-minute film focuses on the research and science careers of nine African American and Hispanic American astronomers and astrophysicists. Space is limited at reservations required. Please RSVP by April 28 to (619) 263-2302 or email: [cfields@eisca.org](mailto:cfields@eisca.org).

### ***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: (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).

## **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:**

Meeting Date	Community Meeting (District 4 Staff)	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
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	Paradise Hills Recreation Council (Roosevelt Williams III)	7:00 p.m.	Paradise Hills Recreation Center 6610 Potomac Street
Thursday April 7	Oak Park Community Council (Jimmy Slack)	7:00 p.m.	Oak Park Elementary 2606 54 <sup>th</sup> Street

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