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#### **ECCC Meeting – Thursday, May 19th, 2011 California Solar Initiative - Single-family Affordable Solar Homes (SASH) Program**

Using solar energy to save money on your electric bill just got easier and more affordable. That's because the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) now offers a solar rebate program especially designed for qualified low-income homeowners. Why Should You Participate?

The Single-family Affordable Solar Homes (SASH) Program will cover 65-100% of the installed cost of your solar electric system. In addition, your solar electric system will:

- lower your electric bills
- help reduce air pollution
- support your community through green job training.

GRID Alternatives currently manages the Single Family Affordable Solar Homes (SASH) program. The goal of the program is to provide homeowners with access to solar electric systems to decrease their electricity usage and bills without increasing monthly household expenses. You may be able to save up to 75% on your SDG&E bill. Here is basic eligibility information for our program:

To qualify for the SASH Program, the Applicant must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Must be a customer of SDG&E.
- The residence must be occupied by the homeowner/applicant.

- The household's total income must be 80% of the area median income (AMI) or less based on the most recent available income tax return.
- The residence must be California Public Utilities Code (P.U.) 2852-compliant.

Your family may qualify for either a fully subsidized (no cost to you) 1 Kilowatt system or a partially subsidized system designed around your electricity usage. This depends on your income, enrollment in SDG&E's CARE Program and any tax liability that you may have.

If you or anyone in your neighborhood meet the basic eligibility requirements, a scheduled appointment will be made to come to your home; answer any questions you have about the program and give you an application packet. An inspection of your roof will be made to determine if it is suitable for solar panels.

#### **Mid-City Division Police Realignment**

At an April 18 meeting of the various communities that make-up the Mid-City Police Division, Captain Lawrence McKinney informed community leaders (Jan Riley attended for the ECCC) that the SDPD is making substantial realignment to its various divisions within the City of San Diego, and beginning September 1, 2011, the northern part of El Cerrito and the College Area is being transferred to the Eastern Division. (from Collwood east to College Avenue and from El Cajon Blvd north to I-8

As a result, El Cerrito will be served by two different divisions. Neighborhoods south of El Cajon Boulevard will remain in the Mid-City Division, with headquarters on Landis Street in City Heights, but neighborhoods north of the Boulevard will now be in the Eastern Division, with headquarters on Aero Drive in Kearny Mesa.

Maps of current and proposed police division boundaries are available from the April 20 posting on the ECCC Blog at:

<http://elcerritocommunitycouncil.blogspot.com/>.

Current division boundaries are also available from the SDPD website at

<http://www.sandiego.gov/police/neighborhood/index.shtml>.

The CACC & ECCC is currently in discussion concerning the new realignment boundaries and will keep you informed of what is taking place.



### **Board Member, Maurize Rios Receives Award at State of the District Seven Presentation**

Our very own ECCC Board Member, Maurize Rios, received an Outstanding Community Representative award from Council Member Marti Emerald on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the College Avenue Baptist Church, for his work in El Cerrito (and with assisting other communities) on Neighborhood Watch Issues. Maurize was very active in having the Blood Bank moved from Dayton and pursuing the serious noise and violence issues with the Motor Cycle Club on El Cajon Boulevard. We are very thankful for all that Maurize has done to make our community a safer and better place to live.

### **Lucky Lady Card Room on El Cajon Blvd Proposed Municipal Code Amendment**

On the agenda for the April 20, 2011, Board of Director's meeting; the College Area Business Improvement District received a request from the Lucky Lady Card Room at 5526 El Cajon Boulevard to support its request, to the City of San Diego, to amend the Municipal Code (section 33.3901) to match State Law for card rooms. The Lucky Lady Casino is licensed as a card room and offers a variety of games including Texas Hold'Em, Blackjack, Baccarat, Pai Gow and others. The changes the Lucky Lady is requesting will:

- Increase the number of tables allowed from 9 to 11
- Allow 24 hour operation instead of the current limit of 9:00am to 2:00am
- Allow the transfer of card room licenses to family members or sale to third parties (Current licenses are not transferable)

The ECCC is attempting to get the Manager of the Card Room to attend the next ECCC meeting.

Go to the April 20 post on the ECCC blog page (<http://elcerritocommunitycouncil.blogspot.com/>) for links to the current **Municipal Code for card rooms (section 33.3901) and the proposal for changes**. Send comments on this topic to District 7 Council Member, Marti Emerald by email at [martiemerald@sandiego.gov](mailto:martiemerald@sandiego.gov) or by mail to City Administration Building, 202 C Street, MS #10A, San Diego, CA 92101, or call (619) 236-6677.

### **El Cerrito Enclave Project 72057**

At its meeting on April 13, 2011, the CACC heard public comments made by Heather Shortreed, Paige Sturgeon, Carl Luster, and Peter Gazdeck. All comments were

against the approval of the Draft Negative Declaration. The reasons varied between environmental concerns to design problems, and adverse impacts to particular properties.

Discussion - Doug Case stated that this has been reviewed by the CACPB Project Review Committee and they recommend that a letter be written to the City of San Diego concerning the issue in support of the neighborhood council and its residents.

A motion was made by (Rhea Kuhlman) that the CACPB write a letter to the City of San Diego supporting the protests from the El Cerrito Community Council and various homeowners in the neighborhood concerning the draft negative declaration for the proposed Cerrito Project 72057. The letter should state that the CACPB finds the draft negative declaration inadequately describes potential environmental impacts of the project; and therefore merits the preparation for extended studies for aesthetics, geology and soils (imported fill dirt, drainage, proximity to a fault line) hydrology and water quality, land use and planning (height of buildings, easements), and parking and traffic. Motion approved 20-0-0.

### **Redistricting Adds Ninth Council District in San Diego**

Each decade, every level of government redraws district lines in accordance with U.S. Census results. This year, the City of San Diego will add a **ninth Council district** as part of adopting the strong mayor form of government. Council districts will change significantly with the addition of a new district, and the City Redistricting Commission is seeking community input at hearings in each current Council district.

The San Diego City Charter requires the creation of a Redistricting Commission at the beginning of each decade, with the sole and exclusive authority to adopt plans which specify the boundaries of districts for the City Council. The City Charter requires the Commission to hold at least 7 public hearings; to maximize public access to its proceedings. The Commission intends to hold at least 19. In addition to its regular meetings, the Commission will hold these hearings at three key stages of the redistricting process:

Introductory public hearings to introduce the Commission and release of U.S. Census data; "Pre-map" public hearings before the preparation of a preliminary redistricting plan, and "Post-map" public hearings during the thirty day period after filing a preliminary redistricting plan

At least one pre-map and one post-map public hearing will be held in each currently drawn City Council district. Learn more about these hearings on the Redistricting Commission website at:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/redistricting/meetings/publichearings.shtml>. Read news of pre-map hearings and follow the post-map hearings at:

[www.signonsandiego.com](http://www.signonsandiego.com) and [www.voiceofsandiego.org](http://www.voiceofsandiego.org); search for "Redistricting Commission."

### **City Planning for University Avenue and Chollas Triangle**

With funds from the Crossroads Redevelopment Area, the City of San Diego is developing new plans for University Avenue and the Chollas Triangle. Members of the ECCC Board of Directors are participating in working groups for the University Avenue Mobility Study and the Chollas Triangle Master Plan.

#### **University Avenue Mobility Study**

The University Avenue Mobility Study will develop a comprehensive plan to improve all modes of transportation in the University Avenue Corridor. The goal of the study is to identify short-mid and long term projects that will improve pedestrian access, bicycle facilities and accessibility, transit operations and facilities and traffic flow in the corridor. The study area for the project extends along the length of University Avenue from 54th Street to 69th Street. Community input for the Mobility Study comes from a Working Group, including ECCC Board member, Carl Luster, and from a series of Community Workshops. The upcoming **Community Workshops** are on **Monday, May 16 and Thursday July 21** from 5:00pm to 8:00pm, Teen Challenge Center, 5450 Lea St.

The *Mobility Study final report* will be presented to the Eastern Area Planning Committee in September & October. For more information about community involvement, follow the link for the "University Avenue Mobility Plan 54th to 68th Street" in the Transportation Studies list on the City's Engineering and Capital Projects home page at: <http://www.sandiego.gov/engineering-cip/>.

#### **Chollas Triangle Master Plan**

The Chollas Triangle Master Plan will provide specific land use, mobility recommendations and guidance to encourage the development of a mixed-use transit-oriented village supported by park, open space, and creek enhancements within the approximately 36-acre Chollas Triangle site at 54th Street, Chollas Parkway, and University Avenue. The Master Plan process will cover a multitude of topics including land use, mobility, urban design, economic feasibility, and implementation.

Community input for the Master Plan comes from Community Workshops and a Working Group, including ECCC Board members, Jan Riley, Carl Luster, and Jim Westheimer. Both the Workshops and Working Group sessions are open to broad community participation. On May 7, 2011, 20-30 community members completed a walk audit of the Chollas Triangle study area.

Watch the ECCC Newsletter and e-mail announcements for future opportunities to participate in the University Avenue Mobility Study and Chollas Triangle Master Plan. View documents for both of these planning projects from the May 7 postings on the ECCC blog at <http://elcerritocommunitycouncil.blogspot.com/>.

### **Last Month's Meeting was at the The San Diego Police Museum**

The ECCC would like to give a big thank you for the wonderful hospitality afforded the residents of El Cerrito by the San Diego Police Museum.

The resolution on Plaza Linda Verde was not presented as it was discovered that the residents on the north side of El Cajon Blvd had not received their newsletters and notification.

Kosta Houdalakis of Liso Artisan Deli gave us a taste of what to expect when he opens his deli/market on the north side of El Cajon Blvd at Rolando. He provided three different types of hummus, cheese and bread.

### **Crossroads Redevelopment Project Area Committee (PAC) - 2011 Annual Election**

On Thursday, June 23, 2011, the 15-member Crossroads Redevelopment Project Area Committee (PAC) will hold its annual election at College Avenue Baptist Church, Centennial Education Center, 3rd Floor, located at 4747 College Avenue. The election will be from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Interested members of the community are urged to participate as voters and as candidates.

The PAC is the official community organization comprised of elected community representatives who advise and consult with the City of San Diego Redevelopment Agency and also provide community input and recommendations regarding redevelopment projects within the project area, particularly those projects that affect residential uses. The PAC is structured to have representatives from local renters, homeowners, businesses, property owners, and community organizations.

Candidates and voters must be at least 18 years of age and must reside in the Crossroads Redevelopment Project Area, or own a business or property located in the Project Area, or have representation status from a community organization serving the Project Area. Candidate information must be submitted by 5:00pm on Monday, June 20, 2011, to be eligible to run for a seat. Voters should bring the proper documentation with valid photo identification to the election to vote.

Seven (7) seats are open for election: two (2) residential owner-occupants; four (4) business/property owners; and one (1) at-large community organization representative.

For more information, to access candidate eligibility requirements, or to submit candidate applications, contact Ulysses Panganiban at (619) 236-6261 or [UPanganiban@sandiego.gov](mailto:UPanganiban@sandiego.gov), City of San Diego Redevelopment Agency, 1200 Third Avenue, Suite 1400, San Diego, CA 92101. Additional information is available on the Crossroads Redevelopment Project Area website at [www.sandiego.gov/redevelopment-agency/crossroads.shtml](http://www.sandiego.gov/redevelopment-agency/crossroads.shtml).

### **Running to Cure Chrohn's and Colitis**

My name is Amber Murray and I live on 58<sup>th</sup> Street. I'm running the Napa to Sonoma 1/2 Marathon in July with the **Chrohn's and Colitis Foundation of America**

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**(CCFA).** As a Chrohn's patient, I see this as an opportunity to bring awareness to these often debilitating gastrointestinal diseases. If you're unfamiliar with Chrohn's or ulcerative colitis, you're not alone. Approximately 1.4 million American children and adults suffer from these diseases, but due to the embarrassing and painful nature of the symptoms many choose to stay silent. In the last 50 years the number of people newly diagnosed has exploded, largely in part to organizations like CCFA that help to fund medical research and facilitate the spread of information. This race is my chance to give back to an organization that I know has helped so many, myself included. I want to be part of the CCFA's mission to cure Chrohn's and colitis and to help improve the lives of those affected by these diseases. If you'd like to help there are a few opportunities:

Visit my website and make a donation: [www.active.com/donate/napa11sandiego/amurra](http://www.active.com/donate/napa11sandiego/amurra) y. Please put ECCC in the comments so I know you're from the neighborhood! Donate your time and get community service hours! I am stuffing 28,000 envelopes for the Rock 'n Roll Marathon & in return they've agreed to give \$800 to my fundraiser. **I have 4 weeks & need all the help I can get!** For more info on Chrohn's and ulcerative colitis visit [www.ccfa.org](http://www.ccfa.org).

Thank you for your support! Amber. You may e-mail Amber at ECCC.net

### **Free Community Clean-up & Recycling Event**

Councilmember Emerald would like to share information about an upcoming, free community clean-up and recycling event, courtesy of the City's Environmental Services Department. **The event takes place Saturday, June 11 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Qualcomm Stadium**, and is open to City residents only. *Items accepted include appliances, metals, junk furniture, mattresses, and electronics; no hazardous waste, tires, or construction and demolition debris accepted.*

**Please call 531-2000 for loud parties or disturbances.**

### **Newsletter Donations**

The ECCC received one donation this month of \$20 from an anonymous donor on 58th Street.

As always, thank you all so very much for your generous donations. We truly appreciate them. **You can also donate using our PayPal link on the ECCC Blog at: <http://elcerritocommunitycouncil.blogspot.com/>**



## **NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING**

**Thursday, May 19, 2011**

**7:00pm to 8:30pm**

**Blessed Sacrament Parish Library**

**Single-family Affordable Solar Homes (SASH) Program**

### **PLEASE HELP US KEEP PRINTING THE NEWSLETTER THROUGH YOUR DONATIONS**

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### **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

**Crossroads Project Area Committee (PAC)** - Fourth Thursday at 6:30 p.m. College Avenue Baptist Church, 3rd floor, Administration Bldg, 4747 College Ave.