

Fox Canyon VOICE

We're Just Wild
About Our Neighborhood!

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All RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES of: all of LANTANA, RENO, AUBURN (4758-5160) DRIVES; all of ONTARIO, CASTLE, South side of UNIVERSITY (4749-4849), East side of EUCLID (3611-3889), ESTRELLA (3803-3857) AVENUES; DWIGHT (4759-4792), WIGHTMAN (4750-4871)

LET US GET TOGETHER



The Honorable Councilwoman
MARTI EMERALD

Has made the commitment to attend the
Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association meeting of

APRIL 14, 2009 @ 6:15 PM

We, her constituents, need to make the
commitment to meet her then and there!

The Honorable Councilwoman will consider the issues and priorities that affect us directly, and the partnership development needed to afford improvements to streets, parks and infrastructure, in general, and quality-of-life issues, in particular; affecting the Fox Canyon communities, in the lower part of Council District 7. The Honorable Councilwoman and her Staff will be on hand to deal with issues, matters of representation and just to meet and greet you, personally!

Don't miss this great opportunity to be a willing participant to community development. Be an active and bonding part of your neighborhood bringing with you: your family, friends and neighbors. So they too can have the greatest civic experience of the year, and the consciousness to have done something positive for your community!

Kaalay oo la kulan Marwada Koonsil Membarka

MARTI EMERALD,

u sheeg

Arimahaaga iyo waxyaabaha bulshadu u
baahantahay ama rabto.

Taariikh: (Date) Talaado (Tuesday), April 14,
2009 Saacada 6:15 PM Galabnimo (Juusto)

Meesha: 5123 University Avenue (Kuminiti ruum ka
ku yaala guryaha Auburn Park)
(Community Room at Auburn Park)

ASOCIACION DE VECINOS

LA BARRANGA DEL
Fox Canyon Zorro

En Español

La Concejal del Ayuntamiento y Cabildo Municipal de la ciudad de
San Diego por el Distrito Septimo,

La Honorable **MARTI EMERALD,**

Ha hecho el compromiso de atender la proxima junta de la Asociaci3n de vecinos de nuestro barrio. Como buenos vecinos, todos nosotros debemos tambi3n de hacer el compromiso de atender esta junta para recibirla con el honor que se merece.

Est3 presente en la proxima junta de la Asociaci3n,

Martes, ABRIL 14, a las 6:15 pm.

5123 University Avenue

(Salon Comunitario en Auburn Park)

Traiga a toda su familia, vecinos y amigos con usted. Contamos con su presencia y le esperamos!

THE TAXMAN IS COMING!

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NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday, APRIL 14, 2009 @ 6:15 PM

5123 University Avenue *

(Community Room at AUBURN PARK)

Proposed Agenda:

The Honorable MARTI EMERALD

Councilmember, District 7

COME and JOIN US!

The BOARD of DIRECTORS

Will meet APRIL 28, 2009, same room @ 6:30 PM

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THE SAN DIEGO FOOD BANK

ABOUT THE SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY CARES PROJECT:

The San Diego Food Bank distributes food to people every month throughout San Diego County usually in our non-profit partners' parking lots. The Community Cares Project will combine our food distributions with "advice clinics" to provide a "one-stop-shop" where people can receive food assistance and vital information about a range of other social services and support programs including:

- Food Stamps
- Low cost healthcare
- Employment and training services
- Food assistance for the elderly and disabled
- Low cost gas, electricity and telephone programs

COMMUNITY CARES PROJECT ADVICE CLINICS:

Volunteers from a range of corporations, charities and government agencies will advise people on their eligibility for programs and services. Community Cares Project volunteers will also host information tables giving attendees information, advice and applications for programs and services.

FOOD STAMP PRE-SCREENING:

A trained team of volunteers from the San Diego Food Bank will also assist those attending our food distributions to pre-screen for Food Stamps. Volunteers pre-screen to determine eligibility and start the formal application process with the County.

COMMUNITY CARES PROJECT FOOD

DISTRIBUTION/INFORMATION FAIR SCHEDULE:

Below is a schedule for the food distribution/information fairs for 2009. Each site will host a food distribution/advice clinic on a specified day once a month. The advice clinic will open at 8 a.m., and the FREE food distributions will start at 9 a.m.

FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

**COMMUNITY CARES PROJECT FOOD DISTRIBUTION/
INFORMATION FAIR SCHEDULE:**

The next FREE Food Distribution clinic will be this coming MONDAY

Teen Challenge

2nd Monday every month

5450 Lea St.

San Diego, 92105

Information lifted from:

<http://www.sandiegofoodbank.org/programs/communitycares/>



DISTRIBUCIÓN DE COMIDA, GRATIS

Si la situación económica lo tiene a la orilla de la desesperación y no puede pagar todas sus deudas mensuales y esto hace que compre menos comida para usted y su familia, a las 9 am, VISITE el estacionamiento de:

Teen Challenge

(el 2^{do} LUNES de cada MES)

5450 Lea St.

San Diego, 92105

Y participe en la Clinica de Distribucion de Comida GRATIS!

COMMUNITY COFFEE

Hosted by Councilmember TODD GLORIA



City Heights

Saturday, April 11

10:00 – 11:30am

Nate's Deli – 3120

Euclid Avenue.

WHY is it important for us in Fox Canyon to attend these Community Coffees and to support the Councilmember meeting in our neighborhoods? Because Council Districts 3 and 7 have shared custody of Euclid Avenue, our FRONT DOOR! As an example of beneficial attendance: at the last and first Community Coffee a repair slip was submitted. Exactly one week after, all the STREET LIGHTS on the West side of Euclid (CD-3) were FIXED and are now WORKING! THANK YOU SO MUCH for listening and acting so quickly on this issue, Councilmember GLORIA. Your neighbors on the CD-7 side of the border are GRATEFUL and now walk on a fully lighted street! We will have the opportunity to visit with our good friend and former neighbor Rebecca, at the next Community Coffee on Saturday, April 25, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Rebecca's Coffee House, 3015 Juniper, 92102.

**LOVE YOUR NEIGHBORS AS
YOU LOVE YOURSELF!**

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THE EUCLID TOWER



The picture on the left was taken on December 1997 (the tower had not yet adopted the leaning Tower of Pisa style) and the replica (picture on the right) being finished today, the Euclid Tower is now up, and it will be inaugurated this April 20th thanks to a grant from the Redevelopment Agency.

TRASHCAN, BE GONE!



Some wonderful ideas have the strange peculiarity to evolve into nightmares. This is the case of the trashcan that occupied this location for many long years. At its inception, the trashcan provided the neighborhood with a LITTER FREE street, while a kind resident happily provided the volunteer service to empty it, every week. Then some feuding neighbors moved in, and the idyllic use of the trashcan changed into a weapon to get even and to bother the opposite side and all other neighbors. The aggressor began stuffing the container with used and stinky diapers providing a focus of smell and infection for all to notice; making the emptying a total nightmare. Kind and concerned neighbors used to just peel the top layer of litter to prevent it from flying away all over the street and front yards. Soon the stench prohibited even this little exercise. Thanks

to Stacy Workman, WRED/ ESD, City of San Diego Code Compliance Officer now the trashcan is GONE! The rest of us have great difficulty understanding this type of human behavior and the intention of some people who prefer to have a dirty, unhealthy street, full of foul odors and maggots for their own children to play on and around, and provide such an example in parenthood and leadership skills... Poor kids, what have they done to deserve such a great set of parents? Be positive, probably the aim of this parenthood example is that such adults will purchase some pickers (at their own expense) and they will teach their children to clean the street and pick all litter from the street/playground just before playtime at 6 pm. So, their own children will not have the human indignity to play in the middle of a dirty street resembling more a huge and glorified pigsty. Anyway, THANK YOU Officer Workman for your help solving this problem, your intervention, and for your effort removing this trashcan to benefit our community. Your dedicated work is highly appreciated.

SAVE OUR PARKS RALLY



The communities bordering the Fox Canyon rim were mobilized to a rally to save our Parks, on Friday, March 27. Giant banners appeared at the location of the Fox Canyon Wightman Street Neighborhood Park extending the length of the fence in three (3) languages, English, Spanish and Somali.



As it can be seen in the picture above, alternative modes of transportation (biking and walking trails to make connecting routes short, accessible & more available) are urgently needed in our neighborhood. Notice the gentleman walking through on the now popular shortcut trail to get to University Avenue.



Arriving early, way before the rally, the Honorable MARTI EMERALD brought with her glass jars and a hand shovel to take soil samples for the lab and on she went, walking on the future park site to where the Auburn Creek enters the parcel in her quest of the samples. In all, on a Friday morning and school day, the rally was well attended with a quick count placing the attendance at 47 people, including residents from as far as Temecula and as close as Islenair, Talmage and Redwood Village, also including a Sheriff candidate, a parent of the Waldorf School, community leaders, a Rec Council Member and members of the Cross-roads PAC committee. At the rally, we had the candid, inspiring and sweet voice of our Councilwoman, a child from Redwood Village, Rich, our neighbor, a male resident (Spanish speaker) of the apartment complex at the corner of Wightman/Wightman, and a Somali Lady (picture below) who was strongly inspirational. In her best colorful Somali attire and keeping up with her culture and tradition *[she was accompanied by blood relatives, including a male (her mother and brother)]*, she was extremely polite and welcoming without shaking hands with males. She so eloquently spoke about the need to build parks in this neighborhood that her three kids can use instead of playing on the street. She also talked about the darkness of the street at night and the sounds of gun shots that now fill the air from night to night; in addition, to the high crime and breaking into cars that now is the norm in this part of Chollas Creek.



Everyone made the effort to respect the Plaintiffs and made the core of the rally the need of not bashing them and their misguided intentions. Calls of "what do we want? Parks! When do we want them? Now!" Were the rallying calls echoing though the canyon and nearby apartment buildings' walls. Hopefully loud enough for everyone to hear from the rim of Fox Canyon and the heart of Chollas Creek to City Hall and to the ears of the Plaintiffs who will serve the community better, if they were to DROP the LAWSUIT! As always, to set an event of this magnitude in motion, in such short notice; we need the help and support of many people, the hearts of our neighbors and the labor of many hands (and feet). We could have never done it without the help of the Council Office Staff who coordinated our invitation for Marti Emerald to attend. To our neighbors who helped making and hanging the banners, to those who walk the length/width of the canyon rim distributing the 1200 flyers that blanketed the communities of Fox Canyon and Chollas Creek, to our neighborhood translators, and to all those friends and neighbors who made time to attend the rally, we send our deep appreciation. To Elias (Somali translator), to my neighbor X the street who translated in Vietnamese, to Rebecca, to Rich, to Mr. & Mrs. Diaz, to Jose, to Chris, to Aya, to Martin, to Victoria, to Greg, to Lindsay, to Maximo, to Xema, to Kim, to Marisa and to everyone who attended the rally, our recognition and many, many THANKS for making our neighborhood organization shine. All in unity asking for the parks that we so desperately need and are so starved about; for doing it from the heart with the need of our children strongly in mind. To Marti Emerald on the people's behalf, we sent our especial and communal many THANKS! And like Grandma used to say: "MUCHOS THANK YOU's" to you all for your attendance to the Rally!

Jose Lopez, President

THE PRIORITIES SURVEY

Fifty-eight (58) people responded to the "Issues Survey to Find Priorities" with all these tabulated, seven (7) issues were dropped from the list, the accumulation of many zero's (0) and lower priority scores. The rest are listed below, in ranking of priority:

1. The ONTARIO AVENUE Street Connection
2. AFFORDABLE HOUSING around the canyon rim.
3. Continue to push and support the Fox Canyon Park System.
4. More POLICE patrols
5. Solved EUCLID Avenue's Problems (widen?).
6. Maintenance Assessment District (MAD).
7. Turn Lantana/Dwight into a one-way loop.
8. Turn 50th Street/Winona into a one-way loop
9. Beautification projects to benefit our neighborhood.
10. Clean up Fox (finger) canyons and the Auburn Creek.
11. Trash and litter abatement (Street litter cleanups)
12. Street lights on Winona Avenue.
13. Graffiti cleanups
14. Slow down traffic on Winona Avenue south of University Avenue.
15. Street/sidewalk Repairs all over the service area.
16. "NO Parking, Street Sweeping signs" needed.
17. Turn Reno/Estrella into a one-way loop.

AT THE ALTAR

Two lawyers getting married and in front of the Priest and guests: "We accept the 'in sickness and in health' language, but we wish to amend your 'for better or for worse' clause."
Thanks Mike!

mama's kitchen

My Dear Friends,

As you may know, I am a proud member of the Mama's Kitchen Development Committee. I am writing you today to invite you to a very important and special event being held on May 8th at the Hyatt Regency La Jolla.

Mama's Day 2009 will offer our guests the best from seventy of San Diego's favorite chefs! Your support ensures that we can achieve our mission of providing nutritious meals to men, women, and children living with AIDS or other critical illnesses in San Diego.

Mama's Day 2009 will be held on Friday, May 8, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency La Jolla. San Diego's finest restaurants, renowned chefs, and hundreds of Mama's friends will enjoy an unforgettable evening of fine food, desserts, drinks, and music. Our goal will be to raise over \$200,000, which will enable Mama's Kitchen to deliver almost 350,000 meals in 2009.

Mama's Day 2009 is a major source of daily operational funding for Mama's Kitchen. We are the only organization that prepares and delivers three meals a day, seven days a week across San Diego County. Mama's Kitchen has never turned away a client in need, nor have we ever had a waiting list for our services. This has required some inspired teamwork! Mama's Kitchen has hundreds of volunteers that donate thousands of hours and thousands of miles to make sure anyone with a critical illness gets the nutrition they deserve.

General Admission tickets are \$125 and VIP tickets are \$250, allowing you unlimited access to the *Mama's Day 2009* VIP area, featuring pool-side cabanas with lounge style seating, a private hosted bar with signature event cocktails, wine and other premium selections and Mama's Volunteer maitre d's who will host restaurant sampling within the VIP area. Please visit the *Mama's Day* website for more information or to purchase tickets. <http://www.mamaskitchen.org/events/mamasday.php> Please let me know if you do purchase tickets so that I can properly thank you!

Friends, with your support, we will meet our goal for this every important source of our funding all while having a great time together at one of San Diego's premier events!

With much gratitude,

Ellen L. Agey

Mama's Kitchen Development Committee

STORY CONTEST

(For Youth ages 5-25)

A chance to win an I-pod Touch!

Instructions:

Write a story by finishing this statement: If I were the most powerful person in the world I would...

This is not an "essay contest", it is simply a *story* contest designed to give youth the opportunity to put into words a fantasy of how you would change your environment and/or the world. Make it between 100 and 1000 words. We don't care about grammar or spelling. Don't put any limitations on whether or not your story could be a reality, make it as "big and imaginative" as you want. We want to recognize the value of the minds youth and give you an opportunity to share your thoughts and dreams. Stories are due in our office NO later than April 15, at 5:00 PM. Include your name, address, telephone number and/or email address. Winner will be announced by April 20th. Email your entry to dcrane@mhsinc.org, or Mail or deliver to: Dixie Crane,

4660 Viewridge Avenue, San Diego, CA 92123.

For questions or further information: 858-292-0903 ext. 108

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STUDIOUS NEIGHBORS

Headed by a great, intelligent and hardworking matriarch, three members of the Cortez family, of Lantana Drive, have now returned to college and/or are just ready to graduate with college degrees this approaching summer. When tough times get going, the tough also get going to school to the tune of great time and energy sacrifice, financial hardship and the expenditure of many gray cells (brains). During the week and after long hours of work, to support her family, single mother, Susana Cortez still finds time, cheerful attitude and energy to attend night school, every single day. In addition, Saturdays she takes a four hour computer class at Cesar Chavez, Logan Heights (CD-8) and on Sundays, she works all day.



Two years of taking a cake making and decorating class will culminate in a graduation ceremony and a two-year college degree, this next July. The cake in the picture is a "three leches" (3-milk) cake. We just can't wait to receive the invitation to cheer for Susana at graduation day as one rightful example to the struggling Hispanic community in our "BARRIO".

ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

[Tuesday, March 10, 2009]

Meeting called to order by President Lopez, at 6:17p.

Meeting attendance was fifty-two [52] adults+ (no children) including Councilmember TODD GLORIA (CD-3), Anthony Bernal, Council Rep to Councilmember Todd Gloria; Marisa Berumen, Council Reps to Councilmember Marti Emerald, CD-7, Diane Petach, *Program Specialist with the County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency, Food Stamp Program*; Judy Joffe, MSW, Manager, Community Programs, Jaye Yoshonis, Asst. Deputy Director, Strategic Planning & Operational support Division, Michele St. Bernard, City of San Diego, Affordable Housing Project Manager; Detective Anthony Bryant, assisting Captain McKinney with community related concerns and Elias Qabille, Manager, Community of Auburn Park and Translator to the Somali Community as guests.

Update(s) Announcements: NONE

Off-Agenda Public Comment: NONE

Neighborhood Concerns: NONE

Field/Comm. Rep's Reports: Marisa Berumen (CD-7 Council Rep): reported back on CD-7, City and Fox Canyon issues.

Correspondence: Letter/Invitation from Alvarado Hospital.

Neighborhood Concerns: NONE

Presentation(s):

"Food Stamp Program" by [Diane Petach](#)

"Programs and Services for Older Adults and Individuals With Disabilities" by [Judith Joffe](#)

"Refinancing while Having a CROSSROADS HELP Forgivable Loan" by [Michele St. Bernard](#)

Refreshments: A kind donation from Doris Pierson, Rosilyn Davis and Prince Business Management Systems.

Adjournment: At 7:58 PM, to the Corporation of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association and to the Board Meeting of April 14, at 6:15p.

Jose Lopez, President



In this picture, we find the Honorable TODD GLORIA, Councilmember, CD-3 (center), leading the way and starting the meeting, (L) Jose Lopez, and (R) Elias Qabille, translating to the Somali community.



The picture above depicts our neighbors during the introductions part of the meeting, and a neighbors completing the "Issues Survey to Find Priorities" published in the last issue of the Fox Canyon VOICE News-letter. We thank the return of 58 surveys and you for participating!



Neighbor Michael Elliott, Council Rep Marisa Berumen and neighbor Damian Tryon



Neighbors Rosalyn Davis (L), Aya & Chris Zervas and Mercedes Martinez Shetter; in profile, Ms. Michele St. Bernard

The highlights of the meeting were the incredible attendance by all neighbors (a real cross section sample of the biggest minority groups that call Fox Canyon home); Councilmember GLORIA's attendance & extended stay and the superb and loving way in which he dealt with the crowd that gathered around him to air all issues. At one point, the Honorable Gloria stepped out of the meeting room to continue holding a sub-meeting to make sure that all constituents had the opportunity to express needs and concerns. Also discussed at the meeting were the issues of the food stamp program, the help that seniors and disabled residents need solved; the need of more and readily available Section 8, the availability of affordable housing, neighborhood transportation issues and the Food Bank distribution day, forgivable Loans/Crossroads. Just when Ms. Diane Petach was to get to application distribution, it was prayer time and 70% of the attendees suddenly got up and left in the way to the mosque.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

[Tuesday, March 24, 2009]

Meeting called to order, by President Lopez, at 6:35 PM.

Meeting attendance: Four [4] Board Members [including: Lopez, Pierson

Shetter and Lopez] with, Davis excused and Ilginis & Kozminski absent with No staff and/or public present.

Public Comment: NONE

Board Members' Comment: NONE

President's Report: NONE

Leading Motions:

• Motion to approve agenda as proposed, the minutes and to continue the monthly accounting reports to the meeting of April 28, 2009. Shetter/Pierson, passed 4/0/0.

Action Items:

1. Motion to vacate all corporation items for the meeting of April 14th due to Council Office visit, Pierson/Lopez, passed 4/0/0.
2. Motion to authorize the President to conduct the "Save our Parks RALLY!" on Friday, March 27, 2009, Shetter/Lopez, passed 4/0/0.
3. Motion to authorize the President to print and supervise the distribution of rally flyers, Shetter/Lopez, passed 4/0/0.
4. Motion to approve Member's meeting agenda for the meeting of April 14, 2009 as presented: Councilmember MARTI EMERALD's visit, Jose conducting: Shetter/Lopez, passed 4/0/0.
5. New Items or Issues: **NONE**

Closing Comment: **NONE**

Adjournment at 7:35 PM to the Corporation of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association to the April 14, 2009 Association meeting at 6:15 pm

Mercedes Martinez Shetter, Secretary

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The Fox Canyon Voice

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The views expressed in this newsletter are strictly those of the authors and **DO NOT** necessarily reflect the views of the FCNA, Inc., organization.

Doris Pierson proofreader, we're grateful for the donation of her precious time.

THE TAXMAN IS COMING

(Mr. Mc ALLISTER's, San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector, visit) Make time and be ready to join Mr. Mc Allister at the association meeting. He will be the Keynote Speaker, on May 12, 2009. Due to falling property values because the foreclosure crisis and all the scams going around, on this topic, the office of the Treasurer-Tax Collector was approached for scheduling a speaking meeting. For your own edification, please make plans to attend and pencil-in this date on your calendar. Be attentive, more information will follow when approaching May 12th.

FROM SENATOR BOXER DESK

The City of San Diego will receive federal funding from the recently passed appropriations bill to help fight gangs, provide resources to small business, and give veterans a new chance. I strongly support all of these programs and wanted to share the good news with you.

Join Us for **The San Diego Microfinance Summit**

Thursday, May 7, 2009 • 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

University of San Diego

The Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice

Keynote Speaker, Lynn McMullen

Lynn McMullen has been engaged in the field of microfinance for over twenty years with federal policy, advocacy, and program evaluation. More recently she has been working to develop programs for AIDS orphans, vulnerable youth and voluntary home based care networks in rural South Africa.

What YOU can gain by attending the first conference on microfinance in San Diego:

LEARN about local and international microfinance organizations and hear stories from clients

NETWORK and join in the passion of microfinance in San Diego

GET INVOLVED by volunteering, working with and/or donating to microfinance activities

SUPPORT local entrepreneurs and buy products or services at the client marketplace during the summit

DINE on a buffet lunch prepared by local microfinance clients

PARTICIPATING organizations include: ACCION San Diego, CDC Small Business Finance, Foundation for Women, Greenleaf Foundation, International Rescue Committee, Opportunity International, Point Loma Nazarene University, Project Concern International, the School of International Relations and Pacific Studies at the University of California, San Diego and the Ahlert Center for International Business at the University of San Diego

The San Diego Microfinance Alliance is a consortium of local microfinance practitioners, donors, students and educators committed to collaborating and raising the profile of microfinance in the San Diego region.

GENERAL registration \$25 • STUDENT registration \$10

TO REGISTER and to learn more, please visit: www.sdmfa.org/summit09
Lunch included in price

Interested in Volunteering?

Contact: Diana Gallo (dgallo@ucsd.edu) or Katharina Chapman (kchapman100@pointloma.edu)

The Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice at the University of San Diego is located at 5996 Alcalá Park, San Diego, CA, 92110. For directions and pricing information, please visit: <http://peace.sandiego.edu/about/directions.html>.



FREE LEGAL SERVICE

Hello-

Starting Wednesday, March 18, 2009, Affordable Housing Advocates will be renewing weekly intake at the City Heights Center and providing free legal services to qualified residents of the City Heights/Mid-City areas in targeted housing cases involving serious health and safety defects and utility shut-offs. See attached brochures in English and Spanish.

To refer someone to us, you may either have them call (619) 233-8441, ext. 3, or complete and fax the attached Application (in English or Spanish) to (619) 233-4828.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you serve residents who speak other languages and can help us with translations (including the attachments) or otherwise (see Brochures), please call. Thank you for your help and referrals.

Robert Scott Norman, Esq.

Affordable Housing Advocates, Tenants' Rights Project

303 A Street, Suite 300, San Diego, CA 92101

(619) 233-8441, ext. 3, FAX (619) 233-4828

www.affordablehousingadvocates.org

FROM THE EmailBox

CONGRATULATIONS, JOSE!

The RALLY was great. It made me feel good to have been part of the outreach when walking delivering flyers and talking to neighbors about the important issues that we, together, need to solve. I was impressed by the number of people who showed up and coming from so many different places, many of them faraway. I am beginning to relax with Marti Emerald; she really seems genuinely interested to help get our parks done, hopefully we can find her on the same side of the fence with the Ontario Avenue issue. I am looking forward to seeing her at the next meeting to extend my personal thanks for taking time out to attend the rally in our support.

Martin

Jose, you did it again.

I was impressed by the Park Rally. Your leadership is priceless and irreplaceable. You have empowered this poor community and have given it hope across cultural and minority barriers.

Jane

Jose,

Thanks, you have taken our neighborhood organization one step higher, the translation of the rally flyers in FOUR languages has set us apart and it reflected on all those attending the rally.

Mike

Martin, Jane and Mike --THANK you for your encouragement and kind words. From the Councilwoman on down, we all need to know that we are making progress delivering improvements to our communities and that you are pleased with it. I want to reassure you, none of these can be done without your unwavering support and hard work on your community's behalf; take for example: Martin & Rebecca's participation in volunteering to deliver flyers around their blocks, and other neighbors using their skills to translate announcements in their native languages, Jose

Hi Jose,

I have read about the Park problems and SHAME on those stupid idiots who don't even live in Fox Canyon trying to stop the Park. It is none of their business, and they should butt out! We are for the Park and hope it happens, Gene.

THANKS for the email, Gene, Jose

From: redwoodvillage@hotmail.com

Subject: See it on Youtube - "extreme home makeover" - Redwood Village Style, Date: Tue, 24 Mar 2009 23:03:58 -0600

Hello Friends of Redwood Village,

I would like to share with you our community's beautiful day on March 7. This was the day we completed our first community "extreme home makeover" - Redwood Village Style. Please visit:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k3QIO_9CBiY&url=http://sites.google.com/site/redwoodvillagesd/redwood-village-points-of-pride

I am so proud to be a part of this community. The day was extraordinary. We had 43 volunteers and we patched and painted the exterior and three interior rooms, replaced several window panes, re-glazed all windows, did extensive yard clean up, installed window locks, a dead bolt and a sliding glass door lock. We repaired/replaced damaged hallway flooring, installed a kitchen light, gave her a new refrigerator and stove, area rugs, miscellaneous rugs, kitchen and bath towels, a shower curtain, floor lamp, couch and all kinds of non-perishable household items (canisters, paper towels, toilet paper, dish soap, laundry soap, etc..) and a basket of food items. The Labor Council donated and installed a Security door and light, smoke alarm, carbon monoxide detector, and gave her a fire extinguisher. We had great sponsors and great volunteers! Thank you all.

Take care, Anna

Anna Orzel-Arnita - President, Redwood Village Community Council, PO Box 154060 San Diego, CA 92195 (619) 583-2772

<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/sandiego/redwoodvillage/>

2009 Annual Rebuilding Day



Mark Your Calendars Now!

Our Annual Rebuilding Day is scheduled for Saturday April 25, 2009.

More information on volunteering opportunities and wish lists will be available soon so watch your Inbox. If you, your organization or company might be interested in sponsoring the

event or a project, please contact

Pamela Thorsch at (619) 231-7873 or

[Click Here to Email](#)

OPEN LETTER TO MR. MICHAEL TURKO

Mr. Michael Turko
KUSI Cable Channel 9

Dear Mr. Turko:

Thanks to an editorial in the SD U/T (Saturday, March 24, 2009, Our Region, C-4, How Churlish Buttskies May Have Cost Mid-City a Park", it is now public that only two meddlesome individuals, who by the way, DO NOT live in Fox Canyon, are holding the Wightman Street Neighborhood Park development from being delivered to our needy kids; all throughout your sensational reporting, you never quite grasped the true fact of why there are NO parks in the Fox Canyon community: John Stump and Theresa Quiroz. Or...Perhaps, you did.

Here is where I would like to enlist your help. Since these individuals are your friends, we need you to highly encourage the Plaintiff (Mrs. Quiroz) to DROP THE LAWSUIT IMMEDIATELY! I am quite sure that with your private, personal and loving persuasion, or perhaps with one investigative report, you could be very successful in helping the community to have a park on the Wightman Street site. It is a shame that the 2.36 Million State grant would need to be returned, and to waste all the rest of the money that the city of San Diego has spent to date, just because one individual did not DROP a lawsuit in due time. Do you grasp the fact that the only losers in this struggle are the kids that you so eloquently portray in your reporting? Perhaps!

There is still time available to salvage the grant and to build the Wightman Street park. With the Councilmember (that you so strongly disliked and ashamed) now gone, you need to champion our cause now. You need to get us these parks by encouraging the Plaintiff to drop the lawsuit.

Wishing you the best of time, I respectfully subscribe to you.

Jose Lopez.

Fox Canyon