




CITY OF SAN DIEGO
OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER ANTHONY YOUNG
COUNCIL DISTRICT FOUR

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 21, 2009
TO: Jay Goldstone, Chief Operating Officer
FROM: Councilmember Anthony Young 
SUBJECT: Request for Citywide Emergency Winter Shelter Locations

Pursuant to your memo of September 16th regarding identifying "at least one site in each Council District where the winter shelter could be located," I am providing you with the following response.

As you know District 4 is one of the most heavily residential districts in the City. There are no vacant lots of any significant size in the 4th District that could house a temporary winter housing shelter. There are none that are adjacent to or in reasonable distance of social service providers that provide services to large numbers of the homeless population.

As I stated earlier, the County of San Diego has a hotel/motel voucher program for the homeless. I look forward to hearing from your staff on the feasibility of applying such a program (and/or partnering with the County) during inclement weather times this winter, in the event a shelter location cannot be found and set-up in a reasonable time period.

Perhaps you could also consider providing a certain number of hotel/motel vouchers to be used by each Council District for the few homeless that may be in need of shelter during inclement weather this winter and for whatever reasons are not in the areas of the city where most homeless congregate.

Thank you for asking my input on this matter.