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Tubman Chavez Stories: A Community Cultural Display

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The County of San Diego Southeastern Live Well Center includes an interpretive art exhibit to remember the history and legacy of the community and its leaders who developed, celebrated, and worked in the original Tubman Chavez Community Center.

To ensure community involvement in this display, an extensive engagement process included creating two design concepts for input, numerous presentations to local and neighborhood groups, and calls for historical information. The effort was promoted on County news channels, social media, the Southeastern Live Well Center website and in contacts with community stakeholders.

The display uses archival photographs, audio and video recordings, artifacts, and documents to honor and tell the story of the Tubman Chavez Community Center and is prominently located on a twenty-foot wall across from the stairwell in the main lobby.

Important artifacts were saved during demolition of the previous building. The Tubman Chavez header sign and the building numbers for its original address, 415 (Euclid Avenue), were re-

purposed for the display. A Shona sculpture that was originally purchased through private funds and since became part of the City of San Diego's public art collection, was brought on loan as part of the intended legacy. A crucial part of the project is the acknowledgement that this building and activities are on Kumeyaay land. To honor the intention, the Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation gave two handmade baskets, one of which is an essential part of the display.

A documentary-style short video at the center of the display contains a series of interviews of community members, along with photos and artifacts that further illustrate Tubman Chavez Stories, giving testimony to the Tubman Chavez Community Center's history and legacy. The video was created by the team at David's Harp Foundation.

This booklet is intended to provide the viewer a take-home version that contains elements of the actual display. Some of the display panels are quite large. Font sizes throughout this booklet vary due to an effort to fit the content into a standard page format. Viewers are welcome to forward, print and otherwise share copies of this booklet. We simply ask that you use it in its entirety, do not sell or otherwise reuse any part of these materials and please honor and maintain all credits and attributions. Thank you for your interest.

We acknowledge
that we are on
Kumeyaay land.

The Kumeyaay, also known as Tipai-Ipai or by their historical Spanish name Diegueño, is a tribe of Indigenous peoples of the Americas who live at the northern border of Baja California in Mexico and the southern border of California in the United States.



**Aurelia Ojeda
Melendrez**

Kumeyaay Basket

2023

This handwoven basket was created by the artist Aurelia Ojeda Melendrez from San Jose De La Zorra, Baja California Mexico. It was graciously gifted by the Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation for use in this historical display.

Julius Chinoi
Dancing Family/Ukama
Late 20th Century

Black serpentine, 22 inches

On loan from the City of San Diego Civic
Art Collection, 1995.10

Purchased for the citizens of District 4
with private funding raised by the late
Councilmember George L. Stevens



The Tubman Chavez Community Center was an essential part of the vision Councilmember George Stevens had for the District 4 community.



Vision of Councilmember George Stevens

*“Working to make our
community better”*

1950s and 1960s

George Stevens was an associate pastor at Mount Erie Baptist Church in San Diego. He had personally experienced discrimination in the 1950s when a builder refused to sell him a house. In the 1960s, Rev. Stevens participated in demonstrations against discriminatory hiring practices. In 1965, someone placed a burning cross on his lawn when he ran for City Council.

1991 – 2002

George Stevens was elected to represent San Diego’s District 4 on the City Council and served from 1991 through 2002. He served the maximum number of years allowed by the City’s term limit rules. His legacy remains in policy and visible reminders, including the \$7.5 million Malcolm X Library, the \$1.5 million Tubman Chavez Multicultural Center (now site of the Southeastern Live Well Center) and the \$1.5 million headquarters of the Black Contractors Association.

Source: San Diego Union-Tribune

*Signature from
campaign
materials*

A handwritten signature of George Stevens in black ink, set against a light green circular background.



These photos of Councilmember George Stevens in the community were repurposed from his 2000 mayoral campaign materials.

THE VISION 

State of the Fourth Council District 1992-1995




Councilman George Stevens Addresses 5,000 Youth

“Working To Make Our Community Better”

**Inspiring Others
Creating A Great Place to:
Live, Work & Do Business**

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RESIDENTS GET INVOLVED . . . CONTINUED

Arts on Display

The Commission will assist with the festivities for the grand opening of the Community Resource Center tentatively scheduled for August 1995. Performing Arts Center scheduled for late 1995.



The 1,742 square feet Community Resource Center, located at the corner of Euclid and Market, will be the home of some of the most exclusive art in the district and San Diego, County. The beautiful "Shona Art Sculptors" so carefully hand-crafted by world renowned sculptor and masterful storyteller, Edrounce Rukodzi from Guruve, Africa will be on permanent display for our community. "Family ties is what Zimbabwe is all about", stated Edrounce during his visit to San Diego for the "Spirits In Stone" sculptors display held at the San Diego Natural History Museum. "Only a family in which all members are embraced and supported, where members experience joy and love, can such art be produced", stated Councilman Stevens.



The legacy of the late Dr. Jack Kimbrough African Art pieces will also have a permanent home at the Center. With the assistance of the Kimbrough family, his art will reflect our heritage and community pride. The Arts value is over \$12,000, which was raised & purchased through private donation. The Center for Parent Involvement and Education, a tutorial program under the leadership of Walter Kudumu, and Kid's Copy, an active after school program under the leadership of Ashyula Chambers will also be located in the Center. Co-Chairs of the Commission, Demetrice Davis and JoAnne Cochran, have been instrumental in the architectural design and input of the facility.

Youth Advisory Commission

Established to address the issues of concern to the youth, serves as a catalyst to encourage young people to strive for higher education, The Commission has accomplished the following:

- A "Safer Summer" Kick off held at M.L. King Park with applications for summer jobs and a special reminder to all students to sign up for the SAT
- Name the New Library Contest
- Back to School Summer Bash
- Preparation courses for S.A.T. announcements



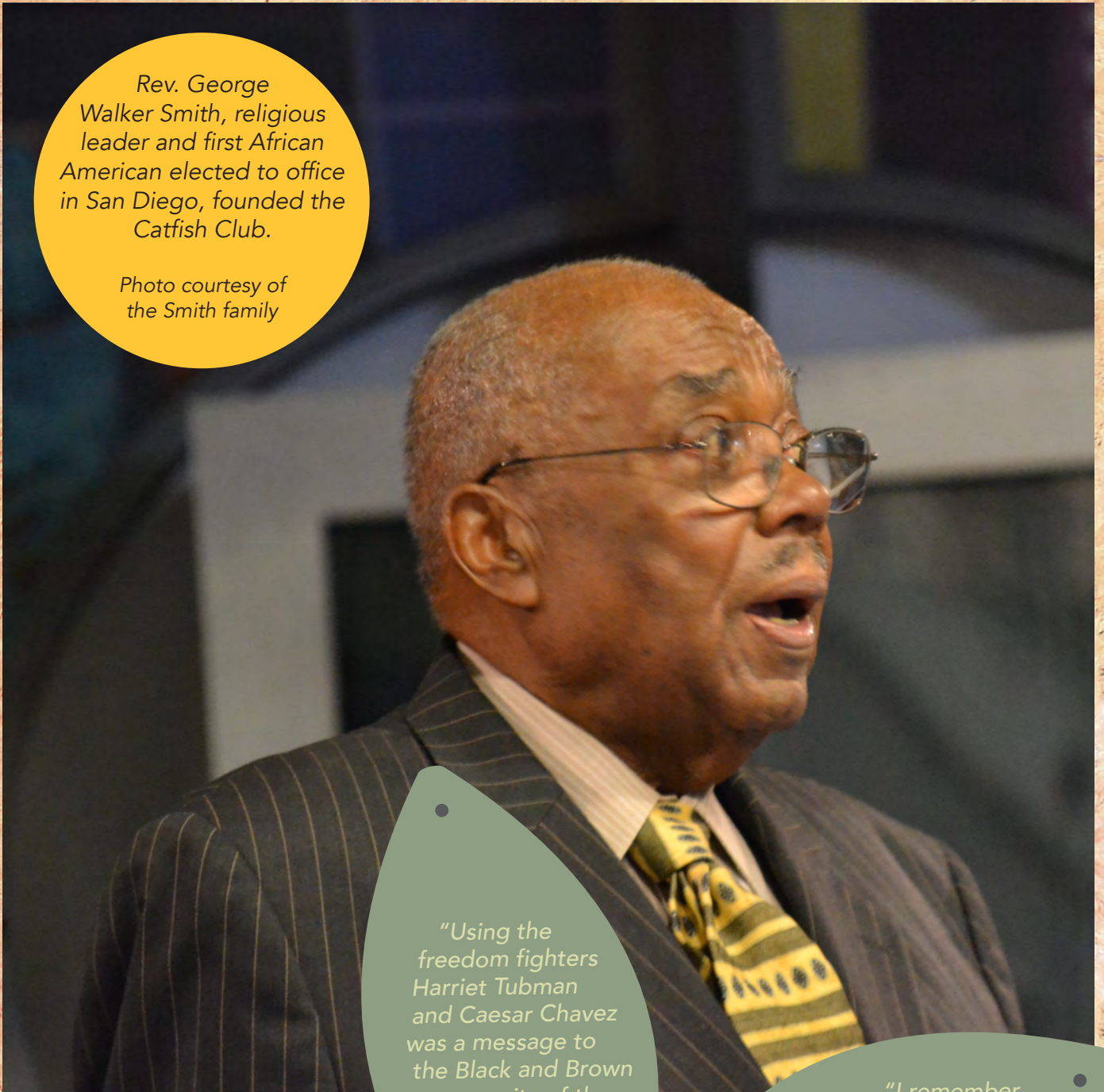
“When our staff met here Councilman Stevens needed us to all be on the same accord. Our meetings were dealing with prevention, accountability and not letting anyone pull us from our mission or task. We had to have a good idea of where we were going. We knew everyone would not agree with our mission but in the end, we knew righteous stories would be written about us and our accomplishments.”

*Courtesy of Peggy Cooper,
former chief of staff
to George Stevens*

These and other valuable artifacts were provided by Peggy Cooper.

Rev. George Walker Smith, religious leader and first African American elected to office in San Diego, founded the Catfish Club.

Photo courtesy of the Smith family



"Using the freedom fighters Harriet Tubman and Caesar Chavez was a message to the Black and Brown community of the need to strive for justice together."
– Luis Natividad

"I remember pictures on the wall of successful people from the past. They had a dream of moving forward, a sense of pride in what their goals were for the community."
– Marry Young

"He's always been a fighter for others. We don't have enough George Stevenses."
– Rev. George Walker Smith

January 1996

Tubman Chavez Multicultural Youth and Community Center Opened

The 7,000-square-foot building replaced the old Social Security office and quickly became an essential community gathering place.

1996 Anchor Tenants

Center for Parent Involvement in Education

Created under the leadership of executive director, Walter Kudumu and Maisha Kudumu (photo circa 1967), the Center for Parent Involvement in Education aimed to empower parents in Southeastern San Diego. Their efforts brought technology to low-income youth, educated parents on college opportunities and preparedness, and advocated for anti-violence activism in the Black community.

Photo courtesy of
Maisha Kudumu



Kids' Copy

Under the leadership of Aushyla Chambers, Kids' Copy was an entrepreneur program for young people that introduced them to business strategies and operation through hands-on experience in catering, printing and duplicating, finance, and investment enterprises.

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TheCUTNetwork

MAKING IT HAPPEN

BY MALAIKA BROWN



Grooming Young Entrepreneurs in San Diego

For Aushyla Chambers of San Diego, the idea is simple. To excel professionally and in business, we have to encourage our children at an early age. And that's just what she does as the founder and director of Kids' Copy, an entrepreneur program for young people. It was not an easy undertaking for Chambers. "There were times when I wanted to give up," she recalls, "but I realized that if I gave up, I could be giving up on some young child's dream."

In the project's Business Exchange Club, students are introduced to business strategies and operations through hands-on experience in catering, printing/duplicating and travel enterprises. Training also stresses effective communications and academic achievement.

Business Exchange Club youth also participate in the BEC Investment Club, where they learn to recycle their income and resources, understand financial statements and how to select investment opportunities. Call (619)263-4772.

8 TURNING POINT AUG-SEP-OCT '96

Anchor tenants were the first organizations to be housed in the Center, providing recognition and stability in the community.

1996 and 1997 Activism



MMM/DOA Statewide Conference. L to R: Seba Subira Kifano, US; Dr. Shirley Weber, SDSU; Mr. Greg Akili, SD-LOC; Min. Christopher Muhammad, NOI; Mr. Robert Tambuzi, SD-LOC; Dr. Maulana Karenga, US; Dr. Conrad Worrill, NBUF; Coun. George Stevens, SD-4th District; Mr. Mark Thompson, NAALS; Ms. LaWana Richmond, ASU.

Million Man March/ Day of Absence Statewide Conference

SAN DIEGO — Local Organizing Committees (LOC's) of the Million Man March/Day of Absence from throughout California met here Saturday, August 10, 1996 for a Statewide Organizing Conference. Taking direction from the MMM/DOA Mission Statement, the theme of the conference was "Advancing the Struggle for an Empowered Community." ...In a show of unity of people of color, the Latin Leadership Summit and the National Latino Unity Council came together on stage to offer statements of solidarity and to urge continuing and expanded unity to defeat Proposition 209 and build the good society.

Source: Harambee Notes,
August and September 1996

Save the Dream Rally

On August 20, 1997 the Save The Dream Rally, led by Reverend Jesse Jackson, called for protesters to target the University of California San Diego because all 196 African Americans who applied to the University's school of medicine were rejected. He spoke to community leaders at the Tubman Chavez Community Center.

Source: San Diego Union Tribune
Photo of Rev. Jesse Jackson and
Eric Chambers courtesy of
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All of these strategic planning events occurred at the Tubman Chavez Community Center.

Creating Kwanzaa

Maulana Karenga, who created Kwanzaa, stopped at the Tubman Chavez Multicultural Center on December 21, 1997 as part of his national tour encouraging people to celebrate from December 26 to January 1. The annual holiday is modeled after the African "first fruit" harvest celebrations and promotes the "Nguzo Saba" (seven principles) of community unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith.





Charles Lewis III elected to City Council, District 4

2002 – 2004

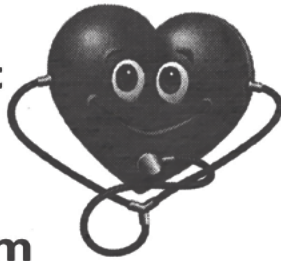
Charles Lewis III grew up in the communities of Skyline and Paradise Hills. He had served as chief of staff for councilmember George Stevens and was elected in 2002. During his short term as councilmember he was responsible for a deal to develop a new park in City Heights, and spearheaded the creation of a skate park. Both parks are now named for him. Lewis died unexpectedly at the age of 37, on August 8, 2004.

*Source: San Diego Union-Tribune
Photo courtesy of the Lewis family*

**Are You or
Someone
You Love
at Risk for
Diabetes
or Heart
Disease?**



Attend the Sweet Heart Project Annual Health Forum



Saturday, January 26, 2002
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Tubman/Chavez Multicultural Center
415 Euclid Avenue, San Diego

- ♥ Free Admission
- ♥ Free Breakfast and Lunch
- ♥ Free Health Screenings
- ♥ Fun Raffle Prizes

This Free Event Will Help You:

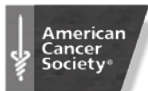
- ♥ Recognize the risk factors for diabetes and heart disease
- ♥ Learn strategies to prevent these conditions
- ♥ Discover healthy ways to manage your lifestyle after diagnosis

Call to reserve your space for lunch
619-299-1108

Many health events were hosted over the years at the Tubman Chavez Center.

This is one of a series of advertisements purchased by the California Black Health Network and placed in the San Diego Voice & Viewpoint and The Monitor News.

The Sweet Heart Project is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through the generosity of The California Endowment.





January 1, 2003

Hip Hop
Events and
Celebrations

Photos courtesy
of Jose "Bean"
Venegas

August 6, 2005





Community graffiti art event in the parking lot presented by Writerz Blok.

Photo by Jose "Bean" Venegas



Anthony Young elected to City Council, District 4

2005 – 2013

Anthony "Tony" Young was a longtime resident of Valencia Park and a member of the Southwestern College Hall of Fame. He had been councilmember Charles Lewis' chief of staff and in a special election was chosen to fill the vacant seat. He was easily re-elected in 2006 and again in 2010. In December 2010, Young was unanimously voted by the other councilmembers to serve as the San Diego City Council president. He served until 2013 when he resigned to become the CEO of the San Diego-Imperial Counties Chapter of the American Red Cross.

In an interview, Young recalled, "My office had the City Seal on the door, and we held open hours every Friday. We would see community members who had an issue with the police, the neighborhood – this was our commitment every Friday for years. People knew where to find me and there were so many times when the whole office would be filled with ministers, community members and even future developers."

Photo from City of San Diego Office of Council President Tony Young District Four January 11, 2011 Weekly Update





2006 – 2009 Neighborhood Hub



In March 2006, the Coalition of Neighborhood Councils (CNC) received a three-year lease to turn the Center into a neighborhood hub. Work on the premises provided activities to engage students and youth. The CNC provided community members the skills, knowledge and opportunities needed to effect neighborhood change and acted as a resource and information sharing network for the 23 neighborhood councils in Southeastern San Diego. The organization came together in 1994 and served as a forum for community and citywide concerns, creating a united voice for approximately 150,000 residents.

Source: CNC Facebook page

2007

Health and Wellness Leadership and Advocacy



Notable health leaders and community members attended a conference in June 2007 at the Center. Lottie Harris was the first president of the San Diego Black Nurses Association, Inc.; Paul Simms served as the executive director of the San Diego Black Health Associates; and Carolle Jean-Murat, MD, FACOG's private practice covers specialties ranging from spiritual healing to obstetrics and gynecology.

Photo by Mike Norris

2008 – 2020
Promoting Community Health and Well-Being



Dr. Ryan Altman (photo below right), founder and executive director of the Community Wellness Collaborative, in partnership with Coalition of Neighborhood Councils and Project New Village, created and offered thousands of free holistic treatments for the community every week until 2020. Services included acupuncture, chiropractic, massage, energy healing, blood pressure screenings along with wellness classes such as meditation, drumming, and yoga.

Photos courtesy of Dr. Altman



*Tubman/Chavez Multi-Cultural
Youth & Family Resource
Where Progressive People*



*Cecil Steppe,
longtime County
administrator and
community leader with
genealogist and historian
Yvette Porter Moore*

Photo by Mike Norris



San Diego Chapter
of the Black American Political
Association of California meeting:

Photo at left – Dr. Willie Blair
below, seated – Dee Sanford,
Yvette Porter Moore,
Cheryl Alethia Phelps, Gay Davis,
Kathleen Harmon;
below standing –
Mshinda Nyofu, Dr. Carroll Waymon,
County Supervisor Leon Williams,
Kevin Nash, Dr. Willie Blair

Photos by Mike Norris





Celebrate!

In March 2008, the Coalition of Neighborhood Councils (CNC) and the San Diego Workforce Partnership created Overcoming Gangs and Beyond, a youth opportunity and employment program to inspire and engage local students. This helped young people attend classes at the community college and take life skills and job training classes. They held space at the Center and provided 24-hour support to youth in need. This celebration was held at the Tubman Chavez Community Center.

Photos from the CNC Facebook page

2012 Graduation

EPIPHANY WOMEN IN FOCUS PRESENTS:
ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!
 FROM A WOMAN'S PERSPECTIVE

WE ARE TIRED OF THE VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND WE WILL NOT WAIT FOR MEN TO LEAD US...



Our people can only rise as high as their WOMEN. IT'S TIME TO RISE UP!

ALL WOMEN MARCH
SATURDAY JUNE 29, 2013
TUBMAN CHAVEZ CENTER
 415 N. EUCLID AVE. SAN DIEGO, CA 92114
 MARCH STARTS AT 11AM
 FOLLOWED BY RECOGNITION CEREMONY

NOON TO 3PM:
 FACE PAINTING, KID JUMPER,
 LIVE DJ, FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT
 BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS!

IF YOU CAN'T MARCH STEEL COME OUT AND LET YOUR VOICES BE HEARD!
 JOIN US IN WEARING CAMOUFLAGE FOR SOLIDARITY!

SPONSORED IN PART BY:
 JAMPIN' 230 KALI CONFLICT FOR INFO CALL:
 LEO STRONG STREET SOLDIER MEDIA (619)408-7369
 HARBORO OVERCOMING GANGS & BEYOND





2013
Activism

The All Women March to End Violence in Our Community, held June 29, 2013, was the brainchild of Rashida Hameed, president of Epiphany Women in Focus. Escorted by police, almost 300 community members walked the two-mile route from the Tubman Chavez Multicultural Center at Euclid Avenue and Market Street to Imperial Avenue and back.

Photos by Mike Norris and Steve Peterson



Myrtle Cole elected to City Council, District 4


2013 – 2018

Myrtle Cole left Tucson, Arizona and came to San Diego in 1977. She worked as a campaign manager and staff representative for several San Diego City Councilmembers. When the District 4 seat was vacated, Cole won the special election and in 2013 became the first African American woman to serve on the San Diego City Council. She then won re-election to a four-year term in June 2014 and served as president of the City Council. Her visible accomplishments include a \$13 million Skyline Hills Public Library, a Teen Center at the Malcolm X Library, funding sidewalks on major streets in District 4, as well as retail and residential developments.

*Source: LinkedIn, KPBS, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce
Photo by Mike Norris*

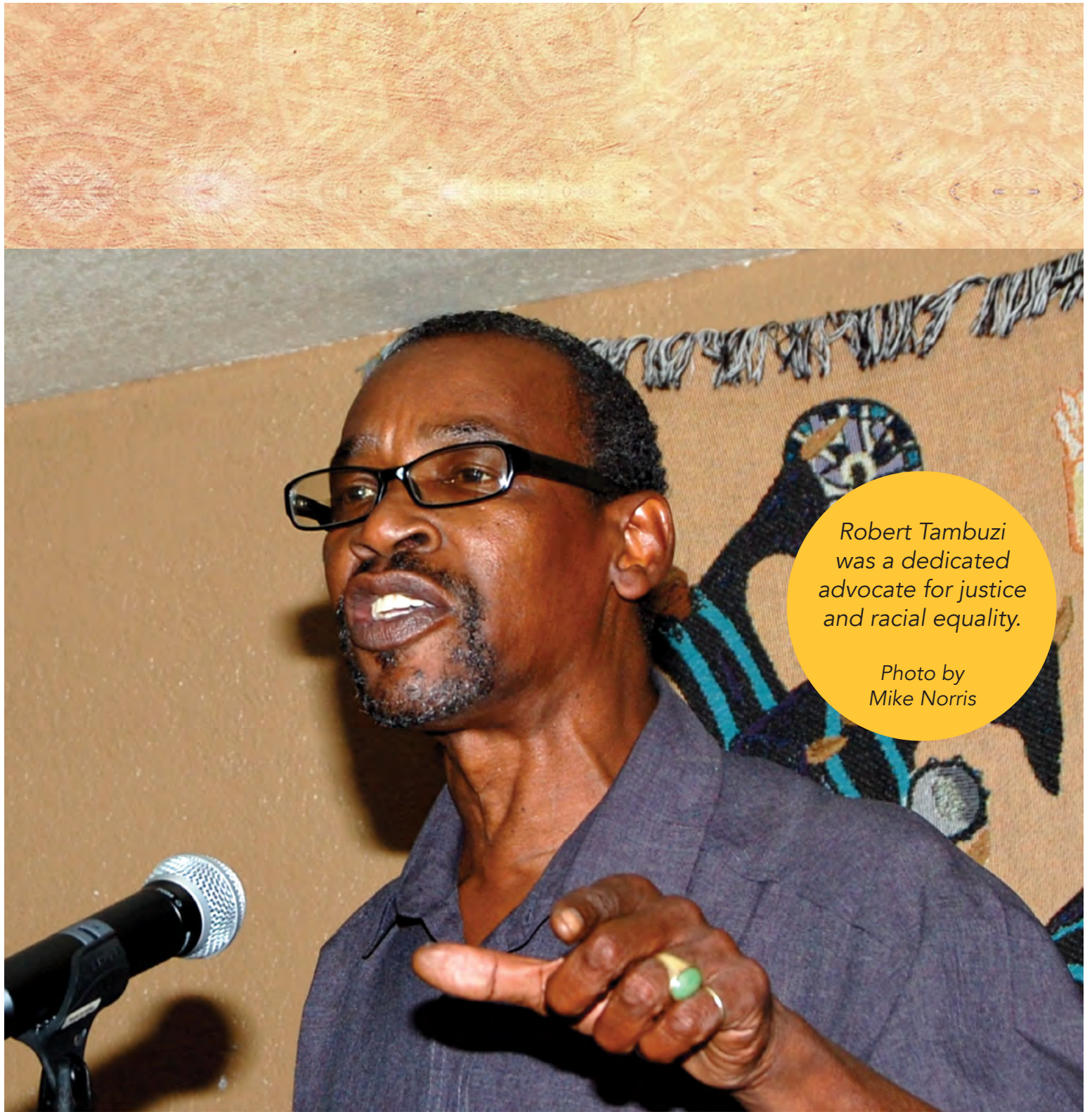


These organizations
were also essential
anchor tenants over
the years.



*N. Diane Moss
founded Children
Having Children (teen
pregnancy prevention)
and Project New Village.*

*Photo from
Facebook*



Robert Tambuzi was a dedicated advocate for justice and racial equality.

Photo by Mike Norris

Robert Tambuzi was involved in many of the community organizations who were anchor tenants and provided essential activities over the years.



2014 – 2021 Neighborhood House Association

On March 13, 2014, Neighborhood House Association (NHA) was selected as the Master Tenant for the renovated Tubman Chavez Community Center. The space was used for Head Start staff and rented out for community events and gatherings. It even served as a polling place.

Under the management of NHA many programs were held in the Center. Notable events included: Healing Hearts & Minds Academy; The Reginald Phoenix Youth Fellowship Summer Employment Program (YFSEP) which offered Dress for Success with Nordstrom and The Men's Wearhouse; an HIV Program Holiday Event and many more. Above, a student shakes hands with NHA president and CEO, Rudolph A. Johnson, III.

Photos courtesy of
Neighborhood House
Association





THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:

Healing Hearts & Minds Academy

A Training and Certification Program for
Faith Based Leaders and Behavioral Health Providers

This exciting interactive academy is designed to support and advance faith based leaders and behavioral health providers in learning and growing together as we explore and co-create solutions for healing and advancing mental wellness in our community.

Academy Dates and Times:

Friday, October 19 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
 Saturday, October 20 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM
 Friday, October 26 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
 Saturday, October 27 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Where: Tubman Chavez Center
 415 Euclid Ave, San Diego, CA 92114

Register at: www.InnoVisions.org

Seats are limited. Enroll today!
 Meals will be provided

Moderated by: Dr. Sheryl White

For more information please contact Gail Taylor at 858-244-8145

Faith based leaders and behavioral health providers
 who complete the 16 hour series will receive a **\$150 stipend.**

Funded by the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency



Designed and led by InnoVisions. A social enterprise of Neighborhood House Association





A Building Evolves

The original building was the Tubman/Chavez Multicultural Youth and Family Center. Two murals on the front created by artists Victor Ochoa and Jose "Bean" Venegas depicted the freedom fighter namesakes, Cesar Chavez and Harriet Tubman. (Both artists are part of the Southeastern Live Well Center's public art collection.)

Later the Center was renovated with a festive color scheme and signage. Councilmember Myrtle Cole's March 13, 2014 newsletter explained: "To prepare for the façade changes, City employees tried to carefully extricate the mural sign from the front of the building. During their efforts, the mural crumbled and could not be salvaged..."

In another renovation a new sign simplified the name and address with gray three-dimensional letters (repurposed for this display). The Tubman Chavez Community Center maintained an understated, plain beige color. A mural by artist Leonard Gonzales was installed on the east wall of the Center and became the backdrop for many events held outdoors in the parking lot.

Photos by Jose "Bean" Venegas,
Steve Peterson, and
County of San Diego



**Expressing
Gratitude**

San Diego Chapter of BAPAC
chaired by Gloria Baker sponsored
a recognition luncheon for the
Vietnam Veterans held at the
Tubman Chavez Center on March 30,
2018. Honoring our veterans offered
a time for healing, reflection and
celebration in community.

Source: Ellen Nash
Photos by Mike Norris

2018
Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans





Sponsored by:

The San Diego and Imperial Small Business Development Center Network and SDBD present:

Be Ready! The Disaster Preparedness Summit For Small Businesses

Friday, September 29, 2017 Tubman Chavez Community Center
9am - 12:00pm 415 Euclid Avenue, San Diego, CA 92114

Must Register at www.sdsvbdc.org
No Cost to Attend Spread the Word

Protect Your Business When an Emergency Hits. It's A Game Changer!

The stakes are high. 40% of businesses affected by disasters never re-open. Having a plan helps small businesses survive a disaster, re-open their doors faster and come back stronger than ever. Learn about resources, disaster loan programs and strategies that can be put into place immediately to minimize your risks including cyber security.

Special Guest Assemblymember Dr. Shirley N. Weber, District 79

Featured Presenters Include:

- Michael Davis, County of San Diego Office of Emergency Services
- Robert Peterson, State Farm Insurance
- Maria Hughes, San Diego District Office U.S. Small Business Administration
- Rosebell Murigu, Fedcom Technology

Thank You to Our Resource Partner U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Tubman Chavez Community Center provided an ideal space for learning.

Workshop photos from Southeastern Diamond Business District (SDBD) online listings

Photos at right: JoAnn Fields served on the SDBD board and was an award-winning community leader who founded the Asian Pacific Islander Initiative; Liliana Garcia-Rivera served as executive director of the Diamond Business Association – BID (later named Southeastern Diamond Business District, or SDBD).

Photos from LinkedIn and Facebook

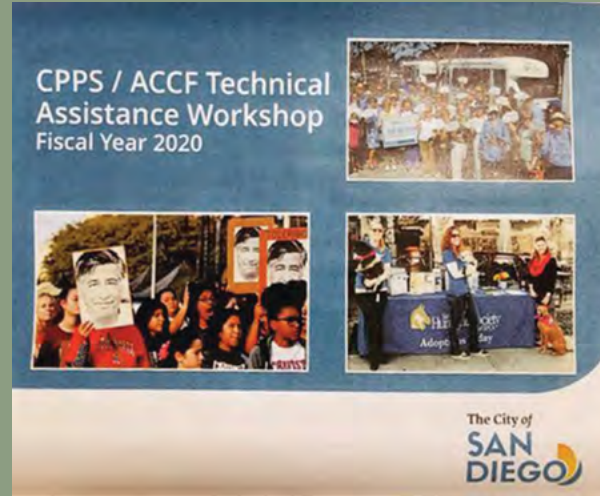


Monica Montgomery Steppe elected to City Council, District 4

2018 –
Monica Montgomery Steppe challenged her former boss, Myrtle Cole, in the 2018 election. Known as “The People’s Councilmember,” she was chosen to represent District 4. On November 8, 2022, as incumbent and council president pro tem, she was re-elected to her seat. Montgomery Steppe advocated for equitable practices in government, including better economic opportunities for people of color and better relationships between community members and police officers.

Photo by Mike Norris





Getting Things Done

Just a few of the many activities at the Tubman Chavez Community Center included: Technical Assistance Workshops; Turkey Giveaway; Holiday Party where residents held up signs representing the streets where they live, work and play; and community meetings and presentations.

Photos courtesy of the office of Councilmember Monica Montgomery Steppe



*"The Tubman Chavez Center was the nucleus of the community."
– JoAnn Fields*

*"It was a place of so many people of different cultures. It is important to honor them and share the history of who they were and are."
– Carlos & Linda LeGerrette*

*"The Tubman Chavez Cultural Center was a much-needed community meeting space. It served as the most used and inclusive community building."
– Barry Pollard*

July 2019

County of San Diego Southeastern Live Well Center Purchase

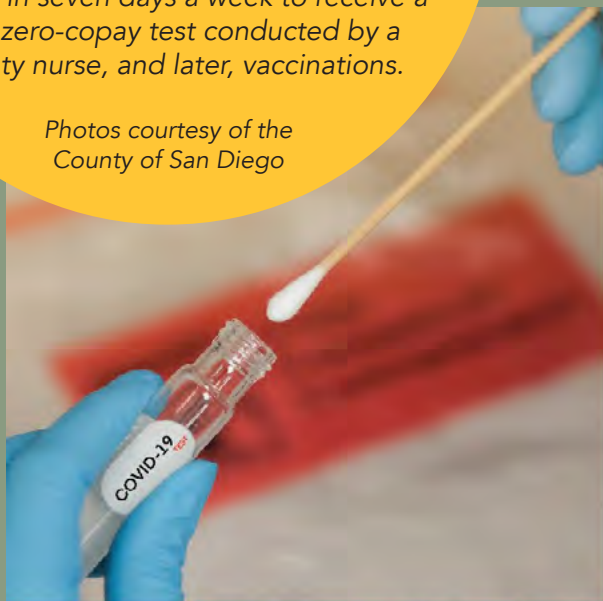
On July 24, 2019, the County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the \$1.465 million purchase of City of San Diego land to augment the County's adjacent property. The acquisition increased the visibility of the Southeastern Live Well Center (SELWC) from the street. It also included a large meeting space available to the community. The overall cost of the Live Well Center project was estimated at \$75 million.



2020 Coronavirus Testing Site

The Tubman Chavez Community Center was an early part of the County of San Diego's expanded free COVID-19 testing program. The Center was one of the region's first county-operated, no appointment, coronavirus testing locations. People seeking tests were able to walk in seven days a week to receive a free, zero-copay test conducted by a County nurse, and later, vaccinations.

Photos courtesy of the
County of San Diego



Free COVID-19 Testing

Free COVID-19 testing is available at several locations across the County or from your healthcare provider

You can make an appointment for a County site by calling 2-1-1 or visiting www.coronavirus-sd.com/testing

www.coronavirus-sd.com/testing



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
HHSA
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY



Hope for the Future

San Diego County officials and community members broke ground on the Southeastern Live Well Center, to serve as a one-stop-shop for health and social services for residents. It will provide a full array of County and community services, including medical insurance coverage, food and nutrition assistance, family strengthening services, financial and employment assistance, public health, behavioral health, child support, restorative justice, services for older adults and people with disabilities and military and veterans' services. The facility features a conference center that will be available to the community for meetings, trainings, and events.

Photos by Mike Norris





2021
Breaking
Ground



2022
Ceremony for
Raising the Final
Steel Beam
at the
Southeastern
Live Well
Center



Acknowledgements

We are grateful to the Tubman Chavez Cultural Display Advisory Committee; whose role was to:

- Develop the vision statement for the community cultural display
- Help identify community culture bearers
- Provide input and direction for design concepts
- Inform community outreach
- Review community input and make final recommendations for design direction

Committee Members

Iyari Aztlán Arteaga – New Children’s Museum

Angela Elliott-Santos – Tribal Chairwoman,
Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation

JoAnn Fields – Asian Pacific Islander Initiative

Carlos and Linda LeGerrette –
Cesar Chavez Service Clubs

N. Diane Moss – Project New Village

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Peggy Cooper

JoAnn Fields

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Carlos and Linda LeGerrette

Ken Malbrough

Venus Molina

N. Diane Moss

Ellen Nash

Luis Natividad

Neighborhood House Association

Steve Peterson

Barry Pollard

Rosemary Pope

Ken Seaton-Msemaji

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The project archives provide more details about the community input processes for both this display wall and the public art program at the County of San Diego Southeastern Live Well Center.

"The Coalition of Neighborhood Councils was the best thing that happened for the community. Tubman Chavez Center was the hub."

– Kathryn Shade

"We have such great memories of that place. It was the reason we moved to Emerald Hills in Southeastern San Diego."

– Dr. Ryan Altman

"This is where it all began to have intersectionality. We are not one; we are multi. ...This is where the many individuals who live in proximity can walk and get services; this to me is the value."

– Cecil Steppe



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