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DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:
RECOGNITION OF THE CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Copy of Proclamation presented to FACIA, August 2006 Citizen of the Month

Minutes:

MAYOR GOODMAN announced FACIA as August Citizen of the Month. At just 14, she is an accomplished performer, singer, songwriter and actress. FACIA has recorded several CDs and wrote her first song "Fly With Me" to honor the men and women who lost their lives in the Space Shuttle Columbia tragedy. She is well known in the community having performed at a number of events including Red, White and Boom. She is also known for her volunteer and charitable efforts. She has used her talents for the benefit of others through organizations dedicated to breast cancer, HIV and many other important causes. Many of these organizations have recognized her for her dedication and hard work with a number of awards including a Neighborhood Impact Award, a Jefferson Award and a Franklin Mint award. In addition, many of her songs have been written for special causes.

As an aside, MAYOR GOODMAN stated that the City of Las Vegas has been subject to some criticism this past week for its treatment as it pertains to the homeless of the community, in particular an Ordinance that was enacted which precludes the feeding of the homeless in the City's public parks. The reason the Ordinance was passed is two folds; one is so that everyone in the community can have a good quality of life, enjoy the parks and not be subject to activities that had been taking place in the parks. Secondly, in taking care of the homeless, the City wants to ensure that they were not going to be fed and left in the park, but rather that the feeding take place in social agencies and faith based agencies where there is counseling and they can get help to transition back into the community and become productive members of the community. The remarkable coincidence is that when he met with FACIA in his office he was made aware that in January FACIA'S family was evicted from their residence and contemplating living in their car. Someone on her family's behalf called the City of Las Vegas asking for help and the City reached out and was able to pay the rent, utilities, housing and have since being self-sufficient. This shows what the City's programs can do to take care of those who are less fortunate.

FACIA performed a song "Neon Litez" for the Council and everyone present. After her performance, FACIA thanked the Mayor and City Council for everything they do for the City of Las Vegas. She does her part to inspire kids in this City as they are the City's future. She knows in her heart that if a City like New Orleans has a political power like Las Vegas, it would have been on its way to be what it was before Katrina.

She wrote "Neon Litez" with her producer and gave the City all rights to use it free of charge. She invited everyone to go see her at the 2006 Las Vegas Music Awards where she has two

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nominations; best female vocalist and best sound video. She is honored to be nominated for the City and her proudest day in her life is to receive the proclamation for Citizen of the Month.