

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: JANUARY 17, 2007

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:
RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted after meeting copy of Proclamation for National Mentoring Month and copies of Certificates of Recognition presented to the Latin Chamber of Commerce, the I Have a Dream Foundation and 100 Black Men Las Vegas Nevada Chapter

Minutes:

No motion required. A presentation was made.

COUNCILMAN BROWN and WEEKLY recognized National Mentoring Month. COUNCILMAN BROWN stated that the theme for January 2007 is "Pass It On, Mentor a Child." The Mentor Program from Harvard University in collaboration with the Corporation for National and Community Service has held this annual program for many years, with the goal of honoring those in communities throughout the country that give their time and talents to those young people that desperately need guidance and wisdom. He cited some statistics about the positive impacts of mentoring youth.

Representatives from the following organizations were called forward: Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southern Nevada, Nevada Youth Alliance, Fitzgerald's Casino/Hotel, Southern Nevada Community Gang Task Force, Latin Chamber of Commerce for the H.E.A.R.T. Mentoring Program, "I Have a Dream" Foundation and 100 Black Men Las Vegas Nevada Chapter.

ERIN CORNELIUS, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, received the Proclamation proclaiming January 2007 National Mentoring Month. She stated that Big Brothers/Big Sisters has existed for over 100 years. RICK McGOW, Chair of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Board, noted that a lot of people value their possessions, but most valuable is what people give to others, especially when they give of their time.

COUNCILMAN WEEKLY then presented a Certificate of Recognition to: SYLVIA VASQUEZ of the Latin Chamber of Commerce for the H.E.A.R.T. Mentoring Program, ELIZABETH HARPER of the "I Have a Dream" Foundation and KEN WILLIAMS of the 100 Black Men Las Vegas Nevada Chapter. The representatives of these organizations expressed their appreciation for the many kind and giving people of Las Vegas that give so much of their time.

JERRY SIMON, Southern Nevada Community Gang Task Force, gave special recognition to DAVID OSMOND of the Nevada Youth Alliance for being one of the busiest mentors in all of Nevada, covering areas from Reno to Southern Nevada. He is a mentor that has found a way to spark a mentoring interest in other people.



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