

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: OCTOBER 15, 2008

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting Proclamation for National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN BARLOW spoke on the issue of childhood lead poisoning and the initiatives that are currently taking place. In 2006, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) approved a grant to the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) to eliminate lead exposure as a public health concern for Nevada's children. Through strong collaborative efforts, the Southern Nevada Health District Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention (CLPP) Program is educating health care professionals and the general public on lead exposure in children six years and younger.

On behalf of MAYOR GOODMAN and the City Council, COUNCILMAN BARLOW saluted the SNHD for its efforts toward making Nevada children lead free. Prior to proclaiming October 19-25, 2008 as the National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, he introduced DR. LAWRENCE SANDS and DR. KEVIN ZUPNIK and invited everyone to become involved in the educational programs and screening events throughout the city.

DR. ZUPNIK thanked the Council for the honor and was privileged to have community leaders involved and supporting this program. He urged parents with children six years and under to have them tested for lead poisoning.

DR. SANDS echoed DR. ZUPNIK'S comments and invited everyone to attend an upcoming screening event being held on October 22nd at the SNHD, which will assist in determining the extent of the problem.

