

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: SEPTEMBER 16, 2009**

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:
RECOGNITION OF HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting Copy of Proclamation declaring September 16, 2009 as Hispanic Heritage Month recognizing the Chilean Association of Nevada, the Hispanic Museum of Nevada and CAXCULTHI, Casa de La Cultura Hispano Americana and Copy of Certificates of Commendation for Sandy Colon Peltyn and Carlos Ezeta

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN REESE recognized September 15th through October 15th as Hispanic Heritage Month, noting the many contributions made by Latino citizens in the Las Vegas Valley. He invited VIVIANA MANOR, President and PAULINA BIGGS, Honorary Council for Chile, both from the Chilean Association of Nevada and presented with proclamations from SENATORS HARRY REID and JOHN ENSIGN. This Association was founded in 1991 and continues to raise funds for scholarships and be a venue to showcase Chilean artists. He extended an invitation to everyone to the Hispanic Heritage Parade on October 10th at 10:00 a.m., commencing on Fourth Street and ending on Main Street.

The Councilman also recognized the Hispanic Museum of Nevada and invited LYNETTE SAWYER to the podium, who he has had the privilege of working with for the past 14 years. The Museum was founded in 1991 and is dedicated to promoting awareness, education and resources of the diverse Hispanic cultures and traditions. The Museum is involved in several activities, including art exhibitions, film festivals, scholarship fundraisers, youth day camps and works with the Clark County School District in offering hands-on art activities. On behalf of the Council, COUNCILMAN REESE presented MS. SAWYER with proclamations from SENATORS HARRY REID and JOHN ENSIGN.

In recognizing Casa de La Cultura Hispano Americano Americana (CAXCULTHI), COUNCILMAN REESE invited board members JORGE GALINDA, MANUEL VERILLA and RIGOBERTA CARDINAS to the podium. CAXCULTHI was established in 2007 and is strategically located in the Arts District. It has quickly become the locale for Latino arts scenes, exhibiting the artwork of local artists as well as international touring collections. In addition, it has opened its door to the non-profit community through fundraising events and self-empowerment workshops. COUNCILMAN REESE presented the gentlemen with proclamations from SENATORS HARRY REID and JOHN ENSIGN.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW invited SANDY COLON PELTYN and CARLOS EZETA to the podium, while recognizing their accomplishments and the many charities they sponsor. MRS. PELTYN donates numerous hours in charities, including the Make a Wish Foundation. MR.



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EZETA is a professor at the College of Southern Nevada and is one of the founders of the Cash Culte. MRS. PELTYN was nominated by SENATOR JOHN ENSIGN and MR. EZETA was nominated by SENATOR HARRY REID, both to serve on the National Museum of the American Latino Commission in Washington, D.C., memorializing the American Latino artists. The Councilman thanked them both for their work and knows that Las Vegas will be well represented.