

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: FEBRUARY 17, 2010**

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:
RECOGNITION OF CHINESE NEW YEAR

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting Copy of Proclamation for the Chinese New Year, Year of the Golden Tiger

Minutes:

MAYOR GOODMAN and COUNCILMAN WOLFSON thanked GENERAL BA for his kind words. The Councilman then applauded the Lohan School of Shaolin Lion Dancers for their performance in celebrating the Chinese New Year. The Lion Dance is meant to ring in wealth and prosperity in the New Year and scare away evil spirits. The Chinese use animals to represent each year in a 12-year cycle, and this is the third year, Year of the Golden Tiger. Traditionally, the celebration lasts for 15 days. In addition, the school is known for promoting and preserving Chinese and Asian culture through martial arts, language and ancient Asian teachings in the community and abroad. In honor of the Chinese New Year and the school's 15th anniversary, the Councilman presented the proclamation to SM/ STEVEN BAUGH and invited JAN-le LOW to the podium. MS. LOW specializes in Asian/Asian American business relations between Asian and Western groups.

MR. BAUGH thanked several groups, the City of Las Vegas and the school for their many contributions.

MS. LOW wished a Happy New Year to all and explained that the Chinese New Year is a time for new beginnings and is celebrated over a 15-day period. She elaborated on the Year of the Tiger and what it represents, noting the similarities of the elaborate decorations done by casinos in Las Vegas. Las Vegas is a huge destination spot for the Chinese, and they are proud to contribute in stimulating the Las Vegas economy, given the ongoing global recession. Lastly, she pointed out some of the Chinese traits and emphasized that relations between the Chinese and Las Vegas is a win-win situation that promises even greater opportunities in the future.