

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: MAY 19, 2010**

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting Copy of Proclamation for Asian Chamber of Commerce Day

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY recognized the month of May as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month, which was originated by a Congressional Bill in June of 1977. On October 5, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a joint resolution designating the annual celebration and 12 years later President George H. W. Bush signed an extension making it a month long celebration. In 1992, the official designation of May, being the recognition month, was signed into law.

After recalling some historic events, the Councilman spoke to the Urban Chamber of Commerce, which was established in 1986. This organization encourages and assists small businesses and is open to all ethnic backgrounds. They support and organize events, such as the William Bill Endow Foundation Scholarship Dinner, which was held last week. Students who receive such scholarships have an opportunity to be future scientists and engineers. The Councilman invited several individuals to the podium, including the President of the Las Vegas Asian Chamber of Commerce (LVACC), MS. LINDA LIN; Executive Director, Duy Nguyen; and Board of Directors members Lisa Drake, Judy Kao, Jade Nazarean, Roy Suzuki, Jeannie Williamson, and Stan Saito. He presented MS. LIN with proclamation for Asian Chamber of Commerce Day. MS. LIN thanked the City Council for the recognition and stated she was proud to represent such an organization.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY also recognized MRS. SAITO and invited her to the podium with her husband, STAN SAITO. In 1997, MR. SAITO received the Humanitarian Award. The Councilman spoke on MR. SAITOS recognition and awards for his public relations work, including his accomplishments and volunteer work.

MR. SAITO thanked the Council for the recognition and stated he was honored to receive it. He thanked LVACC staff and directors for keeping him abreast of meetings.

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY recognized CHRIS ALVIER and the University of Las Vegas Nevada (UNLV) dancers, called Project Chris, who danced in the plaza. MR. ALVIER stated that he has been training for eight years and teaching for six years at a dance school. He moved from San Francisco, CA and is attending UNLV.

MAYOR GOODMAN introduced the student council from Paul Culley Elementary School, who will be joining the City Council during the meeting. MCKENNA ROUNDY, President,



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expressed appreciation for the invitation and presented the City Council with a gift. She welcomed the Council to visit their school at any time.

ELLEN DAUGHERTY, advisor to the student council, thanked JACE RADKE who organized this and was pleased to be a part of this meeting.