

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: JULY 7, 2010**

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF THE CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting - Copy of Citizen of the Month Certificate for Mario Berlanga

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN BARLOW was honored to recognize MARIO BERLANGA, owner of Mario's West Side Market in West Las Vegas. MR. BERLANGA is a supporter of the West Las Vegas little league, providing supplies, uniforms and paying fees for any youth who want to play baseball. He recently contributed a \$1,000 scholarship to the Charles J. West Preparatory School for an essay contest on the subject of how they would improve Mario's Market. He also supports the Harry Levy Gardens senior apartment complex and the residents appreciate his support, particularly during the holiday season. He ensures that the homeless always have a meal. The Councilman invited MR. BERLANGA's uncle, DON BENEVIDES, former Mayor of Lansing, Michigan, and REVEREND SMITH to the podium.

MR. BENEVIDES thanked the City Council for the honor bestowed upon his wife's nephew. He stated he spent 25 years in public office, then the City Council representing residents of Lansing, and then served as Mayor for three years.

REVEREND SMITH stated that MR. BERLANGA is a friend of the community. He promotes faith in the youth, and each year during the holiday season he delivers coupons for those in need. He is a great leader in the community.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW presented MR. BERLANGA with a plaque and a certificate.

MR. BERLANGA indicated that he believes the philosophy that people must give back to the community where they live. He thanked the Mayor and City Council, his customers and the community.

