

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: SEPTEMBER 1, 2010**

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting: Copies of Proclamations for National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month and Certificate of Appreciation for Nicole Vigil

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON stated that the month of September is National Recovery Month highlighting the importance of treating substance abuse and promoting the message that recovery from substance abuse is possible. Recovery Month is an opportunity to celebrate people in recovery and those who serve them. Substance abuse is a national health crisis and addiction is a treatable disease. He invited JEFF HORN, Executive Director of the Foundation for Recovery, to the podium. The foundation's focus is on solutions to addiction, help the addicted and their families and provide resources to those affected. The foundation publishes a directory about the resources available in Las Vegas, and provided some

MR. HORN introduced STEWART KIMMEL, Chairman of the Board, who is a recovered addict and encouraged those present to take their stories. He outlined the different types of resources available to those affected by addiction. MR. KIMMEL invited the public to attend a rally on September 18, 2010, coinciding with events taking place around the country. He thanked the City Council for the recognition. MR. HORN added that information can also be obtained at the website recovery.org. The non-profit organization provides services locally and statewide.

ADDITIONAL RECOGNITIONS:

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY recognized NICOLE VIGIL, who worked as a summer intern in his office. He invited NICOLE and her mom, MARIA, who works in Neighborhood Services, to the podium. NICOLE is an outstanding writer, organized, helpful, and attended many of his community events. She is a senior at Arbor View High School with a 3.8 grade average in advanced placement and honor courses. The Councilman highlighted NICOLE'S accomplishments and her membership to the different boards and societies, especially the National Honor Society, the Las Vegas Youth and Honor Orchestra and the Honor Society of High School Scholars. She recently received a scholarship to attend the Oxbridge Summer Program in Oxford, England and has played the violin in Carnegie Hall in New York City. NICOLE plans to attend the university to become a writer.

NICOLE thanked COUNCILMAN ANTHONY and the City Council for the Certificate of Appreciation, and grateful for the kindness shown to her by the Council and Mayors staff. MRS. VIGIL stated that it was a great opportunity for her daughter and that she learned a lot.



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COUNCILMAN BARLOW mentioned the sad passing of FRANKLIN SIMPSON, former City of Las Vegas employee. He recalled he first met MR. SIMPSON while he was a student at the University of Las Vegas Nevada in the Political Science Department. MR. SIMPSON was looking for interns to work for JAMES BILBRAY, and he was one of the students selected to work for the former Congressman. It was MR. SIMPSON who introduced him to the world of politics. He was a very good friend and he will be missed.

The Councilman provided details about MR. SIMPSON'S funeral arrangements. Visitation will be on Friday, September 3, 2010 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Bunker's Mortuary, 925 Las Vegas Boulevard North, and the funeral will be on September 4, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Missionary Baptist Church, 590 West Monroe Avenue. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Tyler Simpson Education Fund, in honor of MR. SIMPSON'S daughter. An account has been established at US Bank, Account Number 153753904447. The Councilman asked that everybody keep MR. SIMPSON'S family in their prayers during this difficult time.