

## **AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE** **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: MARCH 2, 2011**

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**DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS**

**DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN**

**SUBJECT:**

**RECOGNITION OF THE C.J. WATSON ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS**

Minutes:

No motion required. A presentation was made.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW recognized National Basketball Association player C.J. WATSON, who plays for the Chicago Bulls for giving back to Las Vegas, the community he grew up in. In 2009, MR. WATSON and his family established the Quiet Storm Foundation with a mission to provide positive educational and recreational opportunities to youth and the objectives to encourage and motivate children to read, to help children develop skills to become good readers, to distribute books to children and encourage them to start home libraries and to provide reading instruction and family literacy programs to parents. This year, MR. WATSON teamed up with three Elementary Schools, Wendell P. Williams, represented by ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL DEBORAH HAYES and student MAKEEM'S WILLIAMS West Preparatory Academy, represented by DARREN McCrea and student D'YANNE FINE; Kermit R. Booker, represented by DR. BEVERLY MATHIS and students JAMARRA ELLISON-TAYLOR and KIARAH STEVENSON.

The representatives and students came forward and after each of the students read their essays about an event in Black History they felt most changed or influenced America's way of life, COUNCILMAN BARLOW announced that each winner will have lunch with MR. WATSON in Chicago, Illinois, and will be attending one of the games of the Chicago Bulls. The Councilman congratulated the students and thanked the principals and teachers for supporting the students.