

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: SEPTEMBER 4, 2013**

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 Certificates for Elizabeth Mena and Gabriel Sainz

Minutes:

Before proceeding with the Ceremonial portion of the agenda, MAYOR GOODMAN announced that COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN was unable to join the Councilmembers as she was on her way to Massachusetts for her husband's induction in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. MR. TARKANIAN was the beloved coach of the University of Las Vegas (UNLV) Rebels, who started coaching at Riverside City College and at Long Beach State. His signature moment came in 1990 when UNLV won the National NCAA Championship with the talents of STACEY AUGMON, LARRY JOHNSON, ANDERSON, JAMES GREG ANTHONY and others. UNLV defeated Duke 73 to 73. MAYOR GOODMAN extended congratulations to COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN for MR. TARKANIAN'S amazing achievement.

On behalf of COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN, COUNCILMAN COFFIN recognized ELIZABETH MENA and GABRIEL SAINZ as Citizens of the Month. In 2009 they found a co-ed indoor soccer center located on Valley View Boulevard for both children and adults. They will be hosting a Mexican Independence Day event and a Back to School Fair. The center is located in an essential part of the City. MS. MENA and MR. SAINZ reached out to the Police Athletic League to help inner city kids with tutoring and private mentoring. They donated their venue for the Jump for Joy Foundation, whose objective is to fight obesity and are working with the Never Give Up Foundation that assists low-income families to help kids with disabilities to succeed.

MR. SAINZ thanked the Mayor and City Council for the recognition and was moved by the recognition. They love serving the community and plan on making Ward 1 a safer community for all. He introduced his entire family, comprised of his brother, who is the general manager of the indoor soccer complex, his sons and his mother-in-law.