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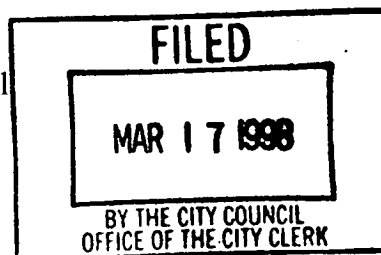
City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Community Report – Natomas Charter School

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT

3710 Del Paso Road, City Council District 1



RECOMMENDATION

This report is for information only.

CONTACT PERSON

Kelly J. Montgomery, Area Director, 264-8224

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF

March 17, 1998

SUMMARY

The Director of the Natomas Charter School, Charlie Leo, has been invited to present a report to the City Council.

BACKGROUND

The Natomas Charter School, part of the Natomas Unified School District, has been operating as a charter school under authorizing state law since 1993. Enrollment is open to students without regard to residence. Consequently, students throughout the Sacramento community attend the Natomas Charter School.

The Natomas Charter School includes three components:

- The original Leading Edge program, a middle school program for 7th and 8th graders. In this program interdisciplinary connections are stressed, work in the community is required, technology is emphasized, and parents/guardians are required to actively participate.
- The Parents As Children's Teachers (PACT) Program, created in 1995 for home school

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students. Now serving about 200 students from kindergarten to 10th grade, PACT allows parents to take advantage of the flexibility of home-schooling while providing grade level coordinators, instructors and extensive resource materials.

- The Performing Arts Academy, added to the Natomas Charter School in 1997. The Performing Arts Academy serves students in grades 7 to 10, with a plan to add grades 11 and 12. Students are exposed to the four areas of performing arts, while requiring the students to continue with traditional academic courses.

All programs allow students and parents the opportunity to take full responsibility for the emphasis and content of the student's education, while providing the community with students who are engaged in their studies and prepared for their future.

The charter for the School recently was renewed for an additional five years.

Mr. Leo's presentation may include:

- A short history of the Charter School;
- Information on the deadline for applications for the 1998-99 academic year; and
- A discussion of the "community responsibility" aspect that is embodied in the school's structure and offerings.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None. This report does not request any funding.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

This is an informational item which does not require an environmental review.

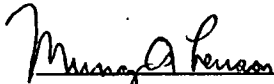
POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

This report is consistent with the City Council's expressed interest in providing more opportunities for community involvement.

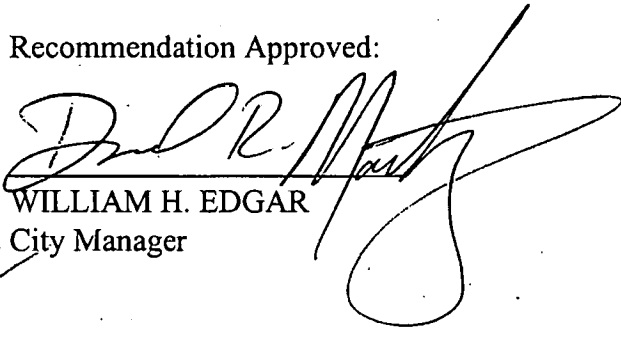
MBE/WBE EFFORTS

Not applicable, as no goods or services are being purchased as a result of this report.

Respectfully submitted,


for Kelly J. Montgomery
Area Director, Area 4
Neighborhoods, Planning and
Development Services Department

Recommendation Approved:


WILLIAM H. EDGAR
for City Manager



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DEPARTMENT OF
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TO 03-17-98

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 10.06 TO TITLE 10 OF THE
SACRAMENTO CITY CODE, RELATING TO SOLICITATION ON STREET
MEDIANS AND FREEWAY ON-RAMPS AND OFF-RAMPS

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-wide.

RECOMMENDATION:

This report recommends that the item be passed for publication of title, pursuant to City Charter Chapter 10, and continued to March 17, 1998.

CONTACT PERSON(S): Rhonda Matsuo, Office of the Chief, 264-7346
David Topaz, Office of Operations, 264-8478

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: March 10, 1998

SUMMARY:

The Police Department proposes the addition of Section 10.06 to the Sacramento City Code relating to the solicitation on street medians and freeway on-ramps and off-ramps. The Police Department received input and assistance of concerned citizens, the City Manager's Office and the City Attorney's Office. This type of solicitation is distracting to drivers who are attempting to be alert, watch traffic and observe the rules of the road and all traffic control devices. The Police Department believes that the public safety, welfare and freedom will be enhanced by prohibiting solicitation activity in the areas covered in this ordinance. As a means of improving the quality of life for residents, business people, shoppers and tourists in the City, it is important to reduce these unsafe solicitation activities.

The mission of the Sacramento Police Department is to work in partnership with the Community to protect life and property; solve neighborhood problems, and enhance the quality of life in our City.

City Council
PFP - "Solicitation on Medians and Freeway On/Off-Ramps"
March 10, 1998

Respectfully submitted,


ARTURO VENEGAS, JR.
CHIEF OF POLICE

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:


WILLIAM H. EDGAR
CITY MANAGER

AV:rmm
REF: 3-12

Attachment: Proposed Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 10.06 TO TITLE 10 OF THE SACRAMENTO CITY CODE, RELATING TO SOLICITATION ON STREET MEDIANS AND FREEWAY ON-RAMPS AND OFF-RAMPS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

SECTION 1.

Findings.

(a) The activity of soliciting employment, business or contributions from occupants of vehicles distracts drivers from their primary duty to watch traffic and be alert for potential hazards in the roadway, to observe all traffic control signals, signs or warnings, and to be prepared to move through the City's streets and intersections.

(b) The practice of soliciting employment, business or contributions on medians and freeway on-ramps and off-ramps from occupants of vehicles impedes the flow of traffic on the streets within the City, results in the delay and obstruction of the public's free flow of travel, and results in congestion and blockage of the streets when such persons converse and negotiate with the occupants of vehicles.

(c) Distracted drivers are more prone to be involved in automobile accidents, and accidents on the public streets constitute a substantial traffic safety problem which further impedes and prevents the orderly flow of traffic, is unsafe for the person engaging in the solicitation, pedestrian traffic, and automotive traffic generally.

(d) The cumulative impact of this type of activity on the City's streets and highways on a daily basis has created a potential safety hazard, which poses a significant and substantial risk to the interest of the public in the free flow of travel in the City.

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SECTION 2.

Chapter 10.06 is hereby added to Title 10 of the Sacramento City Code, to read as follows:

10.06 Solicitation on Medians, On-Ramps and Off-Ramps Prohibited.

10.06.800 Purpose.

It is the intent of this chapter to impose reasonable place limitations on solicitation, as defined herein, in order to protect the safety of the general public while respecting the constitutional right of free speech.

10.06.801 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms have the meanings respectively ascribed to them:

(a) "Business" means any type of product, goods, service, performance or activity which is provided or performed, or offered to be provided or performed, in exchange for money, labor, goods or any other form of consideration.

(b) "Employment" means services, industry or labor performed by a person for wages or other compensation or under any contract of hire, written, oral, express or implied.

(c) "Median" means that concrete portion of a divided highway separating the traveled ways for traffic in opposite directions.

(d) "Off-ramp" means any public roadway providing vehicular access from a freeway or highway.

(e) "On-ramp" means any public roadway providing vehicular access to a freeway or highway.

(f) "Solicit" means any request, offer, enticement, or action which announces the availability for or of employment, or a request for money or other property; or any request, offer, enticement or action which seeks to purchase or secure goods or employment, or to make a contribution of money or other property. A solicitation shall be deemed complete when made whether or not an actual employment relationship is created, a transaction is completed, or an exchange of money or other property takes place.

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10.06.802 Prohibited Solicitation.

It shall be unlawful for any person to stand or sit on any median or freeway on-ramp or off-ramp to solicit or attempt to solicit employment, business or contributions of money or other property from any person traveling in a vehicle along a public right-of-way, including but not limited to public streets, highways or driveways.

10.06.803 Violation and Penalty.

Any person violating Section 10.06.802 is guilty of an infraction.

10.06.804 Non-exclusivity.

Nothing in this chapter shall limit or preclude the enforcement of other applicable laws.

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