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City Council Agenda

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November 6, 2024
9:00 AM

6. Recognition of Aryeh Avraham Rifkin with The Shabbat Inc.

Minutes:

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN recognized ARYEH AVRAHAM RIFKIN with The Shabbat Inc. for his incredible work in founding the Shabbat. The Councilwoman stated the initiative became a cornerstone of the community providing invaluable support and strengthening the bonds among residents. Through the Shabbat, ARYEH created a welcoming environment where individuals and families can come together to celebrate, learn and grow in their faith. COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN thanked him for all he does to support and strengthen the community, adding his efforts make a meaningful difference in the lives of many. Lastly, she expressed gratitude for his leadership and commitment.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN invited his wife, NURITH YAEL, and his son, CHAIM RIFKIN, to the podium and MR. RIFKIN said his father has held events to bring the community together whilst providing his undivided attention to him. On his father's behalf he thanked his stepmother, his son, the people of Las Vegas, MAYOR GOODMAN, the Councilmembers, and staff for the recognition. In addition he read a message from his father stating Torah teaches all honor is due to Hashem and emphasized the proclamation on promoting the values of Torah. MR. RIFKIN announced and described a multisensory show produced by his father at the Sphere called Genesis. He opined Las Vegas chose to be the city of lights and not of sin by honoring Torah, Shabbat, and his father. Lastly, he said may God bless the City Managers and the people of Las Vegas for recognizing God in a more revealed way.

MAYOR GOODMAN said it was an honor that people came to celebrate the two gentlemen and congratulated them on the shared day. She said they work hard to bring everyone together in Las Vegas as one family.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN presented a plaque to ARYEH RIFKIN and read the proclamation for Aryeh Avraham Rifkin Day, a copy of which was submitted for the record and attached as backup.

Subsequent to the ceremonials, videos were displayed showing the history of COUNCILMAN CREAR and MAYOR GOODMAN. DAVID RIGGLEMAN, Communications Director, thanked STEVEN TYLER PIERCE and JESSE HARVEL, Television Production Specialists, for editing the videos and stated NANCY BYRNE, Content and Production Supervisor, and KRYSTAL ALLAN, Multimedia Content Creator, worked on it as well.

COUNCILMAN CREAR stated it was an honor to serve as the Councilman for Ward 5, and he thanked the community for the opportunity along with those who voted and supported him for the past 20 years. Additionally, he spoke about his public service career, serving 12 years as a Regent for the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE), two years on the Las Vegas Planning Commission, and was ending his time as a Councilman. He believed they were leaving the community a better place than how they found it. Moreover, he highlighted several accomplishments he made as a Regent and Councilmember including the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access (IDEA) Council, UNLV (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) School of Medicine, The

Courtyard Homeless Resource Center, Lorenzi Park Tennis complex, and much more, which he stated would not have been accomplished without the support of MAYOR GOODMAN, the Councilmembers, and City staff. Furthermore, the Councilman acknowledged MAYOR GOODMAN for being his supporter and role model, his fellow Councilmembers for their support, the City team for being subject matter experts, the Ward 5 team for their continuous service to the community and managing the office with professionalism, and his family for their love and support. Lastly, he expressed his love for the city and said he will continue to serve the community and looked forward to the next chapter and seeing the plans in place continue to come to life.

MAYOR GOODMAN expressed her love for the city and the opportunity her husband, OSCAR GOODMAN, and she had to work with everyone. She felt blessed in life and honored to be a part of the city and all of whom cared about each other. The Mayor felt COUNCILMAN CREAR'S comments were touching and real for all, adding she saw a change in Ward 5, and COUNCILMAN CREAR made the difference. Moreover, she hoped for everyone to continue to believe in themselves and those they care about, and to give the richness and positive vibes in life. Next, she applauded her husband and expressed her love for him, and stated he continued to shine with ideas and visions about the city. In conclusion, MAYOR GOODMAN thanked and appreciated the Communications team and everyone who have brightened their lives.



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DEPARTMENT: Communications

Ceremonial

DIRECTOR: David Riggleman

SUBJECT:

Recognition of Aryeh Avraham Rifkin with The Shabbat Inc.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Submitted at Meeting - Copy of Proclamation for Aryeh Avraham Rifkin Day by Staff



WHEREAS; ARYEH AVRAHAM RIFKIN IS THE PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER OF THE SHABBAT INC, A 501(C)(3) NONPROFIT DEDICATED TO UNITING THE JEWISH COMMUNITY AND PROMOTING THE VALUES OF TORAH; AND

WHEREAS; UNDER HIS VISIONARY LEADERSHIP, ARYEH AVRAHAM RIFKIN SUCCESSFULLY ORGANIZED OVER 260 KOSHER EVENTS, INCLUDING THE REMARKABLE PASSOVER IN LAS VEGAS, BRINGING TOGETHER PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE TO CELEBRATE THEIR SHARED HERITAGE; AND

WHEREAS; ARYEH IS SUPPORTED BY HIS DEVOTED WIFE, NURIT Yael, A CARDIAC ANESTHESIOLOGIST AND CRITICAL CARE PHYSICIAN, AND THEIR SON, CHAIM, WHO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN HIS MISSION, REFLECTING THE STRONG FAMILY VALUES THEY EMBODY; AND

WHEREAS; ARYEH'S PROFESSIONAL JOURNEY AS A CEO AND ENTREPRENEUR ENCOMPASSES MULTIPLE FIELDS, INCLUDING ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING, MORTGAGE BANKING, AND SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY, SHOWCASING HIS VERSATILITY AND DEDICATION TO EXCELLENCE; AND





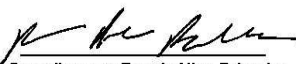
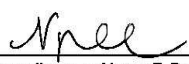
WHEREAS; IN 2014, ARYEH FOUNDED THE JEWISH ACTIVITIES CENTER OF LOS ANGELES (JACLA), CREATING A VIBRANT HUB FOR JEWS THAT ATTRACTED OVER 500 WEEKLY ATTENDEES; AND NOW

THEREFORE; BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT THE MAYOR AND THE LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL DECLARE NOVEMBER 6, 2024, AS:

Aryeh Avraham Rifkin Day

IN THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS AND ASK ALL RESIDENTS TO JOIN US IN RECOGNIZING ARYEH AVRAHAM RIFKIN FOR ALL THAT HE DOES FOR THE LAS VEGAS COMMUNITY.

Submitted at Meeting
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by Staff

 Councilman Cedric Crear	 Mayor Carolyn Goodman	 Councilwoman Victoria Seaman
 Councilwoman Olivia Diaz	 Councilwoman Francis Allen-Palenske	 Councilwoman Nancy E. Brune