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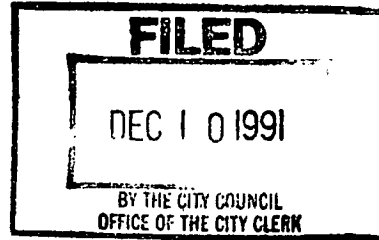
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December 10, 1991

City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: REPORT ON SACRAMENTO CITY CO-SPONSORSHIP OF A SCIENCE
CENTER EXHIBIT**

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT

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SUMMARY

The Department of Public Works Solid Waste Division has expended \$5,000 to support the development of an exhibit at the Science Center entitled, "GARBAGE...and all that trash!". The exhibit will be designed to promote the reduction of waste generation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

For Council Information.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Sacramento Science Center is a nonprofit organization in partnership with the City and County of Sacramento. Sponsors have been sought to underwrite the cost of the GARBAGE exhibition, which will be displayed from January through June 1992 followed by a three year touring schedule throughout California and other states.

The purpose of this exhibition is to educate people of all ages about source reduction, recycling and composting. An interactive exhibit will be developed. It is anticipated that over 75,000 visitors will view the exhibit during its scheduled display at the Sacramento Science Center. During the last several months, the Solid Waste Division staff has provided significant technical consultation in the development of this exhibit. Because the mission of this project correlates with the City's waste management goals, a contribution of this magnitude is befitting.

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Solid Waste Division staff are additionally working with the Sacramento County Division of Solid Waste Management to develop an on-going backyard composting demonstration project at the Science Center. Plans are underway to complete construction at the site for its opening to coincide with the Science Center garbage exhibit.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

\$5,000 has been transferred from the Solid Waste Division's Recycling Public Relations Budget (415-310-3141-4258) to the Sacramento Science Center Operating Budget (101-450-4654-4455).


POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

City Council adopted a landfill diversion goal of 70% to be obtained by 1999. The exhibit planned for display by the Sacramento Science Center emphasizes source reduction which is the highest strategy in our waste management hierarchy. Promoting source reduction in the attainment of the City's established waste reduction goal is in accordance with Council direction. The concomitant development of a backyard composting demonstration project on site will complement the exhibit's emphasis on source reduction.


MBE/WBE

Since no goods or services are being purchased, MBE/WBE efforts are not applicable.

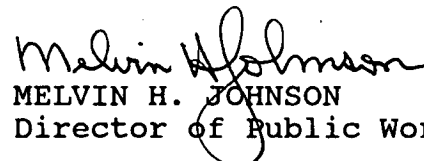
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