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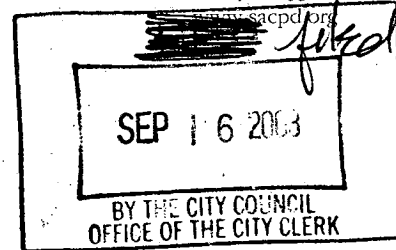
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Honorable Members In Session:

SUBJECT: Report Back on USDA Conference

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Council District 1

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and File

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SUMMARY:

The Sacramento Convention Center signed a License Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) on December 19, 2002 to allow the USDA to use the Sacramento Convention Center to host to the Agricultural Science and Technology Conference. At the time, the focus was primarily the standard logistical issues any conference would require of the City. The exception was the reality that a number of the attendees would be Foreign Dignitaries who might require special security. Not more than two months later, the Sacramento Police Department began to collect information indicating that there was a high probability that demonstrators would attempt to disrupt the conference in a manner similar to the 1999 World Trade Organization (WTO) conference in Seattle.

This report back summarizes the City's response to the services and protection it provided during the conference, the results of the conference both from an economic and financial standpoint, and what was learned from having an international conference of this magnitude in the City of Sacramento.

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