



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: January 28, 2009

TO: Park and Recreation Commission

FROM: Parks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Recognition of IPM Citizen Advisory Committee Member Eric Cardenas

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission recognize Eric Cardenas, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Citizen Advisory Committee member for his long-time contribution to the community and support of the City and Parks and Recreation Department IPM Program.

DISCUSSION:

In January 2004, the City Council adopted a formal City-wide IPM Strategy and committed to work aggressively to reduce the use of toxic materials throughout the City, particularly in City parks. A City staff IPM Committee with representatives from various City departments was established as well as a Citizen IPM Advisory Committee

In September 2004, Mr. Cardenas was appointed by the Park and Recreation Commission to the advisory committee representing the community-at-large. At the first committee meeting in December 2004, Mr. Cardenas was elected chair. In March, 2006, Mr. Cardenas was reappointed to the committee representing the Environmental Defense Center. Mr. Cardenas served as chair of the committee until the end of his term, December 2008.

Mr. Cardenas provided advice and support to City staff including reviewing exemption requests for the use of pesticides not on the approved materials list; recommendations on IPM Strategy revisions; IPM Annual Report to the Park and Recreation Commission and City Council; and PHAER Zone review and implementation.

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to recognize the dedication of Eric Cardenas to make the City of Santa Barbara IPM Program successful, and the leadership he provided to staff and the IPM Citizen Advisory Committee.

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