



CITY COUNCIL FOLLOW UP REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 2, 2004 ITEM NUMBER: R 071904-1

TO: Allan Roeder, City Manager

FROM: John D. Hensley, Chief of Police

DATE: July 27, 2004

REQUESTED BY: Martin Millard

ADDRESS OF REQUESTING INDIVIDUAL: 2973 Harbor Boulevard, No. 264, Costa Mesa

BACKGROUND:

At the July 22, 2004, City Council Meeting, City resident Martin Millard complained that produce trucks are “still” a nuisance in the Mesa North and that they are “causing a lot of problems.”

FOLLOW UP REPORT:

Prior to complaints of vending trucks violating City Ordinance Code sections in the Mesa North area, uniformed patrol officers have diligently canvassed the area addressing quality of life issues. Officers have routinely sought out violations relating to illegal vendors and taken appropriate enforcement action. Officers have issued citations to violators and in some cases, impounded the vendor’s equipment.

Monthly reports generated by the Mesa North area patrol commander during the past six months indicate that ongoing, aggressive enforcement has been taking place. Patrol officers conduct three to four patrol checks of this area on a daily basis, or as free-patrol time allows. In April of this year, a vendor was issued a citation for illegal use of horn. In May, one vending cart operator was issued a citation for illegal peddling of corn. In June and July, up to the date of this report, patrol officers have observed no additional vending truck violations.

I have met with the patrol sergeant that was assigned to this project to obtain first hand knowledge of the situation. He has told me that he and his patrol team are not finding the reported violations at the times and locations Mr. Millard has indicated. As a result I have extended an invitation to Mr. Millard to ride with a Mesa North area patrol officer. This would allow Mr. Millard to direct the officer to the areas in which he is observing violations. This “partnership approval” should address Mr. Millard’s concerns and provide officers with an opportunity to personally discuss concerns of residents.

JOHN D. HENSLEY

Chief of Police

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