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ATTENTION: Honorable Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: Environmental Industries Association (EIA) Announces
International Sanitation Driver of the Year, Public Sector

SUMMARY

THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM ONLY. NO ACTION IS REQUIRED ON THE PART OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Enrique Rojas, Sanitation Driver II, of the City's Environmental Services Department was named "2002 Driver of the Year" by the Environmental Industries Association at a special awards breakfast during the International Waste Expo Conference in Las Vegas on May 21, 2002. Mr. Rojas was selected as the best Public Sector driver in North America based on his accident free driving record, and became the third City of San Diego Environmental Services Department driver to win this prestigious award in the past four years. Drivers are selected in a double blind process with the judges not knowing names or jurisdictions until the final selection is made. A driver may win this award only once in a lifetime. The City is the only public jurisdiction to have won this award three times. Johnny Rushing won in 1999, followed by Michael Maloney in 2001.

Enrique Rojas has driven a refuse packer for the City during his entire 16 year career without a single accident. In addition, he exhibits excellent work habits, provides exceptional customer service and maintains his vehicle with care and pride. Mr. Rojas is a native San Diegan who lives in Nestor with his wife and four teenage children.

Respectfully submitted,

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