Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council <u>www.rowland-heights.com</u> General Meeting Minutes – December 13, 2010

7:00 Call to Order, Flag Salute

Public Safety

CHP - Al Perez, Santa Fe Springs PIO

Officer Perez thanked the residents for their donation of toys to the CHiPs For Kids Toy Drive.

700 tickets/month have been issued in our area.

Maximum enforcement for the holidays will be implemented including DUI enforcement.

Speeding on Mescal Street was reported to be a continuing problem.

Sheriff's Department - Don McMinn, Rowland Heights Town Sheriff

Several deputies were recognized for their efforts in arresting taggers. There has been a slight increase in residential burglaries which is not unusual at this time of year. Residents were again reminded to exercise caution during the holiday season.

This is the last meeting for our RHTS as he has been promoted to Sergeant and does not know where he will be going. Several residents thanked him for his service in our area and wished him well in the future.

Residents were cautioned to pay careful attention to vehicles that are not familiar in their neighborhoods as they often drive rental cars and probably do not reflect the image some of us have of what a burglar looks like. Be careful of what you leave in your car and never leave a power cord in view.

Updates from Representatives of Elected Officials

Pat Fabio, Representative of U.S. Congressman Gary Miller's Office

Congressman Miller will Chair the Build a Better America Committee

The Dream Act did not pass. Question raised as to why we are "feeding so many"?

It was promised that he would work hard on Town Hall Meeting in 2011.

Tim Shaw, Representative of Senator Bob Huff's Office

Invited residents to Open House on December 21, 2010.

Reported that they are looking at increasing taxes and re-implementing taxes that will be expiring. There were many questions and negative comments regarding the State Budget.

It was reported that redistricting boundaries have not yet been established. That will not happen until the later part of 2011. They must be in place by June 2012.

Mike Spence, Representative of Assemblyman Curt Hagman's Office

Stated that he drives a "used car". Many residents voiced their concerns about corruption in politics and enormous benefits awarded to political retirees.

Dickie Simmons, Representative Supervisor Don Knabe's Office (DSimmons@lacbos.org)

Check with Website http://knabe.com/communities/rowland-heights/ for date of ground breaking on the new Community Center. Possibly opening in 2013?

Trammel Crow has decided to appeal the decision of the Planning Commission. Residents were reminded to stay vigilant for major mailing announcing public hearings. Above all we must stand strong in our opposition. Our presentation was very good (per Dickie).

<u>Announcement:</u> Kimo Morris (Blandford School PTA President) appealed to residents for help in furnishing the school's new library.

<u>Discussion</u> - RHCCC Executive Board presented a "Year in Review" regarding the various accomplishments. It is important that we continue to get the word out about the value of being a member of the Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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