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CITY TO CONTINUE PARTNERSHIP WITH HOUSE OF ACTS IN REMOVING ILLEGAL SIGNS THROUGHOUT VALLEJO

VALLEJO – The City’s Illegal Sign Removal Program is helping Vallejo clean up its act, with the help of the House of Acts.

And thanks to a discovery by city staff of funds owed to Vallejo by the state of California, the program will continue for another year.

Started in August 2003, the Illegal Sign Program was Council member Gerald Davis’s idea. Modeled after a similar program in Escondido, CA., the program removes illegally posted signs from public property around the City. The House of Acts, a substance abuse rehabilitation program, has been assisting the City in locating illegal signs and in some cases removing them.

“This is really a quality of life issue,” said City Manager David Martinez. “This partnership serves many purposes on many fronts, and allows us to continue our efforts to clean up the City of Vallejo.”

The City has paid House of Acts approximately \$2,500 a year for this service. But there have been some unanticipated benefits associated with the program. While House of Acts workers have removed over 200 signs in Vallejo, they have also reported numerous cases of illegal dumping and trash to the City Maintenance Division. In the last year House of Acts workers reported the following:

- Miscellaneous Trash - 674 locations
- Appliances - 71 ea.
- TV's / Computer Monitors - 38 ea.
- Furniture - 199 pieces
- Abandon Shopping Carts - 205 ea.

(More)

Tires - 75 ea.

Auto Parts - 65 items

Carpet - 32 locations

Yard Waste - 58 locations

Bicycles - 5 ea.

Christmas Trees - 60 ea.

“The joint efforts of the City of Vallejo Customer Service staff, which is coordinated by Jade Santos from the Maintenance Division, and the efforts of the House of Acts reflects the City’s commitment to make Vallejo a better place to live and work,” said John Cerini, Assistant Maintenance Superintendant for the City of Vallejo. “This venture is just another example of the City’s continued effort to have our act together by being proactive on sign and litter abatement.”