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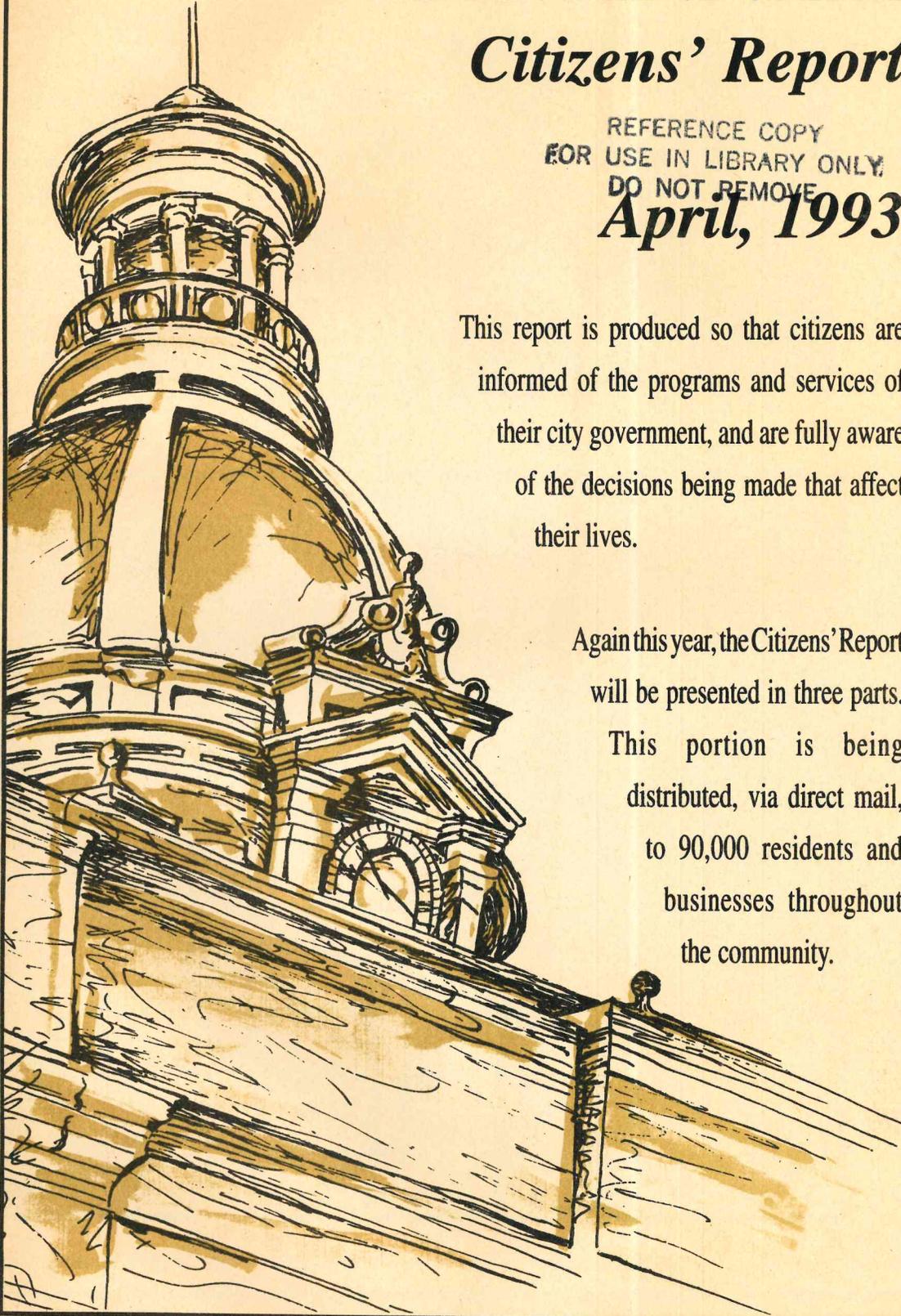
Citizens' Report

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April, 1993

This report is produced so that citizens are informed of the programs and services of their city government, and are fully aware of the decisions being made that affect their lives.

Again this year, the Citizens' Report will be presented in three parts. This portion is being distributed, via direct mail, to 90,000 residents and businesses throughout the community.



Savannah City Council



Mayor Susan S. Weiner
P.O. Box 1027
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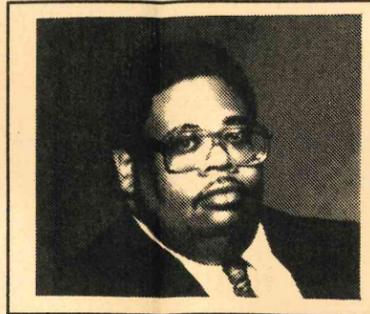
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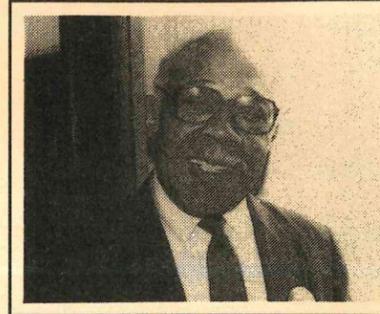
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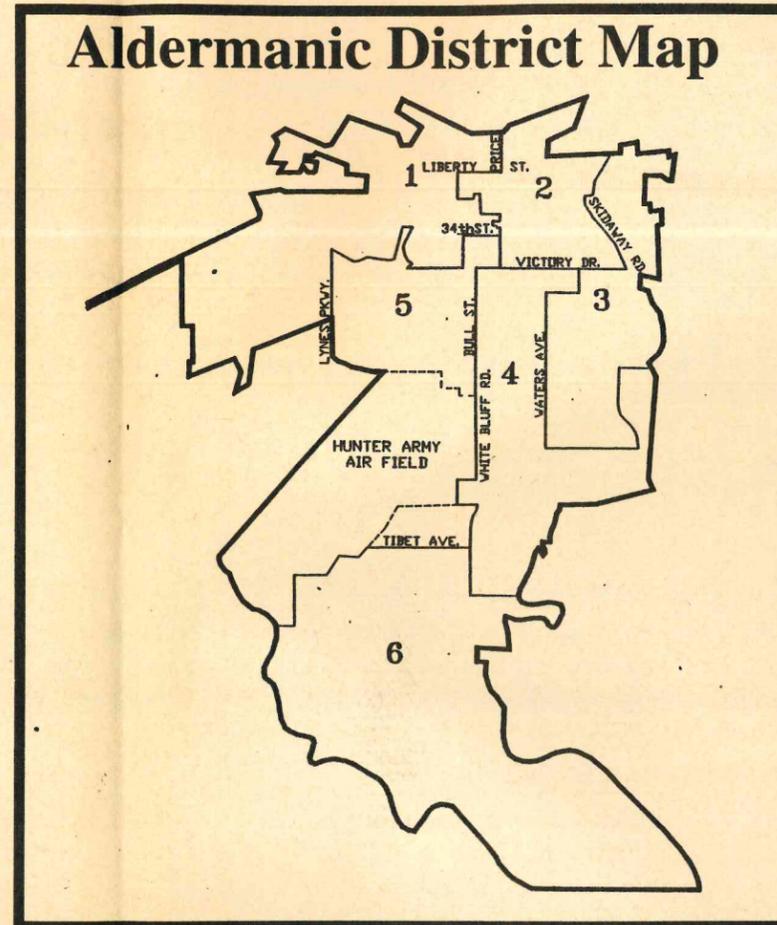
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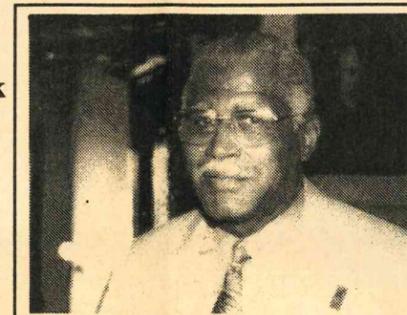
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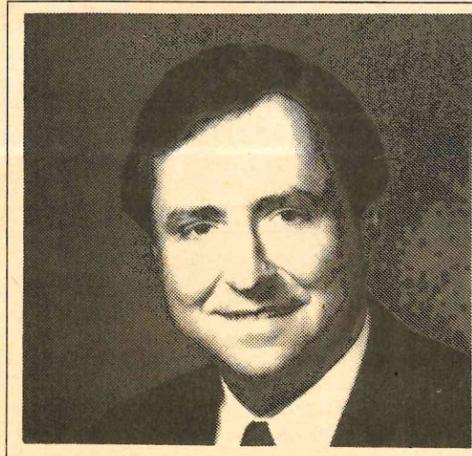


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ADVOCATES FOR CHANGE

There are many difficult issues facing this community. The City of Savannah is attempting to address these issues in the face of rising costs and decreasing revenues. Increased citizen participation, at all levels of government, is crucial to the success of community initiatives, from our programs for youth and at-risk children, to our Showcase Neighborhood programs, to the continued development of the City's infrastructure. In this report, and in the televised portions on WTOC-TV (see below), the focus will be on citizens familiar with the City's programs who are working WITH the government as advocates for change.

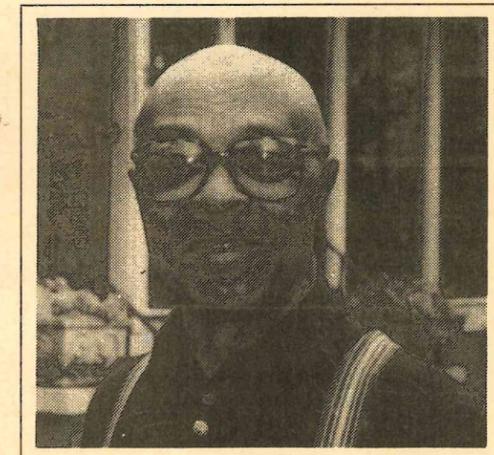
Economic Development



"The City government continues to play a major role in economic and downtown development, especially those initiatives to get the private sector more involved. The SDRA (Savannah Development and Renewal Authority) is a City initiative designed to revitalize the economic health of the downtown historic district. We have the complete support of the Mayor and Council, and that's going to make a big difference in getting our proposals accepted, funded, and off the ground."

Brian Foster
Chairman, SDRA

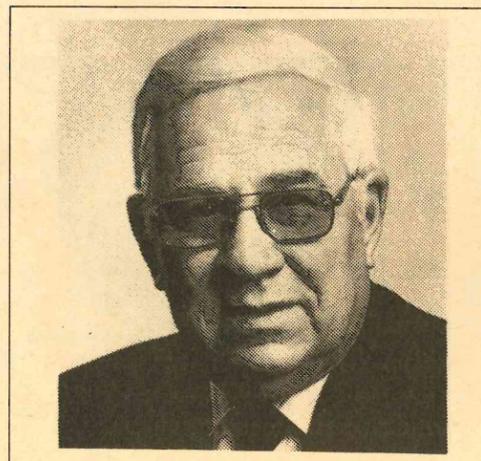
Neighborhoods



"If you want to clean up your neighborhood, you've got to get involved and stay right on top of it. The City and the police can't do it all by themselves. The people who live here have to do their part too. We all have to be involved in order for this to work. The people in my neighborhood are willing to work together, and they feel safer now because of that."

Clarence Peterson
Showcase Neighborhood Resident

Government Finance



"Back in the 50s, the City was in terrible financial shape. A referendum was held in 1953 and the people of this community voted to change the form of government to the Council/Manager system we have today. Within about a year the City was out of the red, and it has been going uphill ever since."

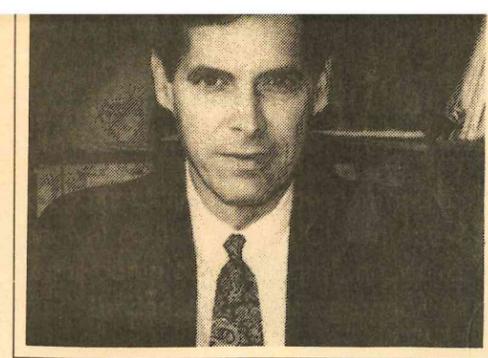
Tom Coffey
former Assistant City Manager

Crime Reduction

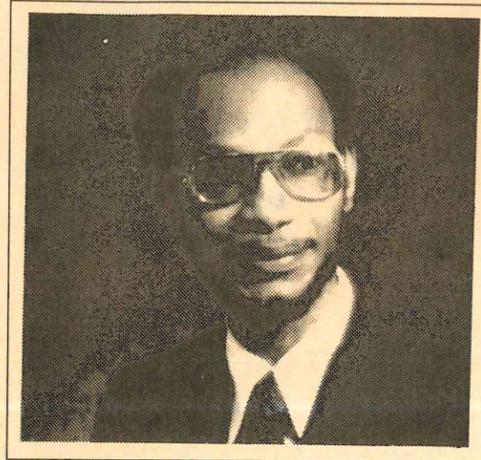


Good police work, greater commitment from community and civic leaders, and Savannah residents who are willing to take a stand against crime...all these things play a role in reducing the crime rate. What's especially important is the greater level of everyone's involvement. Crime is not a police problem, it's a community problem. It takes citizens and police working together to make a difference."

Dr. Bill Megathlin
past Chairman, Crime Control Collaborative

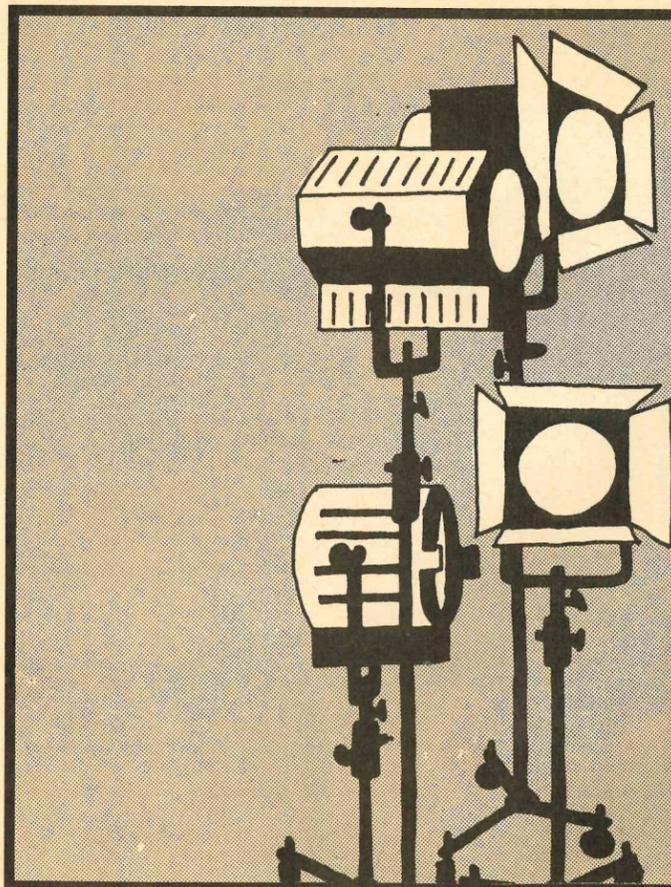


Human Issues



"Savannah is gaining recognition around the country because its Youth Futures Authority has the ability to cut across government and private sector lines. A dollar invested in prevention programs (like Youth Futures) will save taxpayers at least four dollars in the cost of prisons and welfare programs. Officials at the state level are looking at Savannah as a model of how a community can come together and begin to tackle very difficult community problems."

Dr. Otis Johnson
Director, Youth Futures Authority



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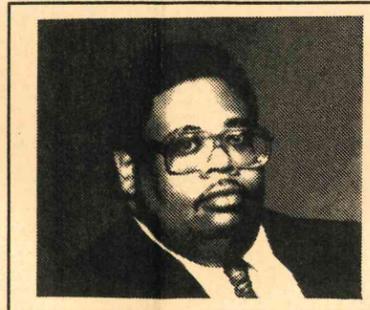
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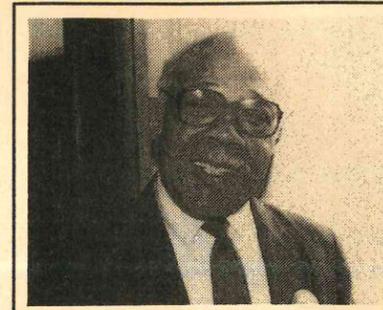
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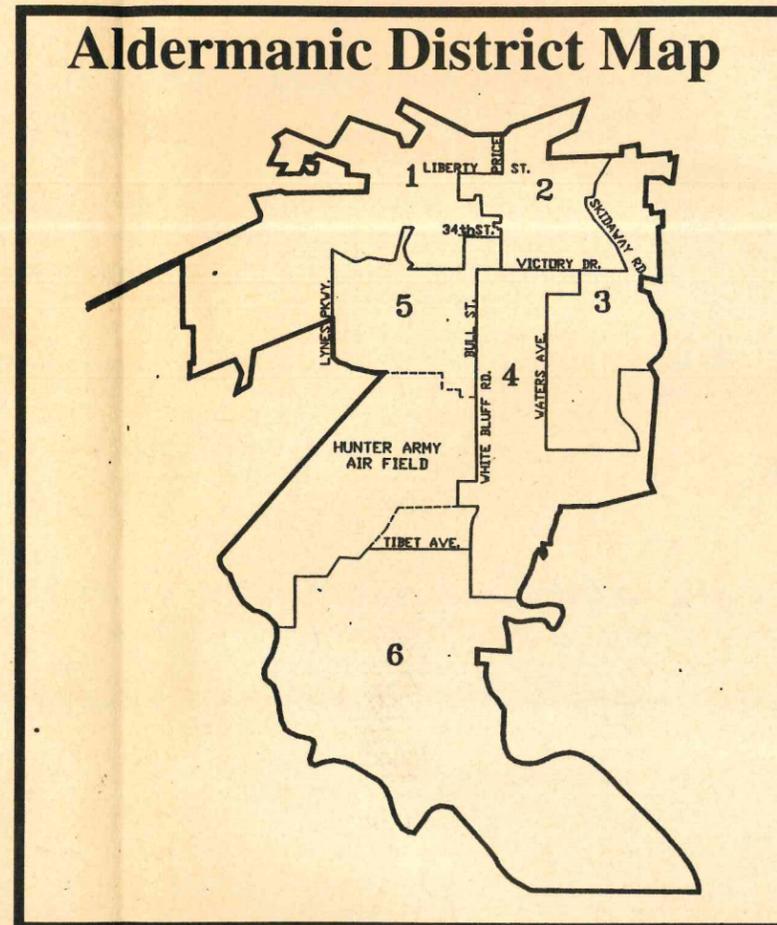
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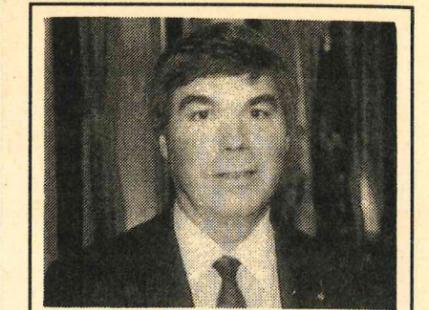
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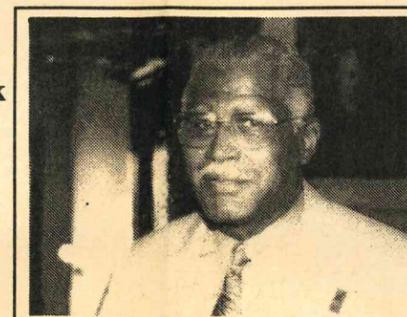


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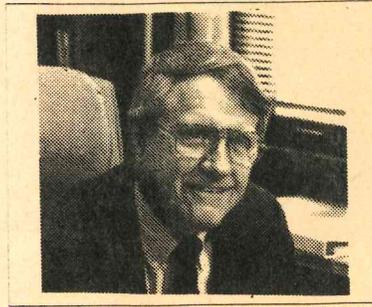
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From the City Manager:



Dear Mayor and Aldermen:

This report describes significant programs and activities over the past twelve months authorized by you, the City Council, that were directed to improving and maintaining the quality of life in the various neighborhoods of this community.

❖ One initiative was the creation of the Savannah Development and Renewal Authority. This organization is now in place and is developing a program of work directed to revitalizing Broughton Street and the downtown.

❖ Another has been the implementation of the Comprehensive Crime Control Strategy. The new precinct system is in place, and several innovative programs, including Community-Oriented Policing (COP) and Problem-Oriented Policing (POP), are now operating.

❖ Construction of the North Casey Canal drainage improvement program is now underway. Construction in the South Casey Canal Basin will begin soon.

❖ The gateway beautification projects adopted by the Council have been approved for funding by the State in the amount of \$6.4 million. Work on these will begin this year.

❖ The City's financial condition remains strong, and we continue to receive a double-A rating on our bonds.

The various departments of the City and the 1800 employees of these departments are committed

to carrying out the programs established by City Council. All are dedicated to serving this community and to working to improve and maintain a high quality of life for each and every citizen.

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Frequently Called Numbers

GENERAL	651-6790
Automated Info. Line	236-7284
Artsline	233-2787
Building Permits	651-6530
Business Licenses	651-6450
City Manager's Office	651-6415
Civic Center Box Office	651-6556
Clerk of Council	651-6441
Cultural Affairs	651-6417
Fire Department Non-Emergency	651-6758
Jobs Line	651-6488
Mayor's Office	651-6444
Police Information Desk	651-6676
Service Request Desk	651-6565
Nights/weekends/holidays	651-6587
Water Service Office	651-6460
FIRE/POLICE EMERGENCY	911

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Don Mendonsa". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "D" and "M".

Arthur A. (Don) Mendonsa

City Manager

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