



### Gainful Employment



The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mayor’s Career & Education Expo (formerly the ‘Mayor’s Job Fair’) was held in September. Nearly 6,000 residents from all over the San Joaquin Valley dusted off resumes and donned their business attire in search of employment from more than 145 on-site vendors at the Fresno Convention and Entertainment Center’s new exhibit hall.

The Expo also featured ten career development workshops including: ‘The Basics of Entering the Health Profession,’ ‘How to Get a State Job’ and ‘What to Do After the Expo.’

The Expo provide job seekers with the necessary tools to complete applications, including a large application area and on-site mobile vehicles with satellite internet connectivity so that participants could complete on-line applications. At the end of the day more than 100 people walked away from the Expo with a job in hand!

Over the next several months the Expo staff will collect data in order to identify the total number of individuals who became employed as a result of the event. More than 900 job seekers found gainful employment as a result of last year’s event.

### Governor Appoints Fresno’s Police Chief to Statewide Gang Advisory Panel

Governor Schwarzenegger announced his commitment to end gang and youth violence with the creation of the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention Program (CalGRIP). The Governor appointed former U.S. Attorney Paul Serve as state director of gang and youth violence policy along with a ten member advisory team that includes Fresno Police Chief Jerry Dyer and Fresno businessman John Shegerian, CEO, Electronic Recyclers Incorporated.

The CalGRIP strategy, which mirrors a number of programs contained in Mayor Autry’s Gang Prevention Initiative, will allocate more than \$48 million in state and federal funding for local anti-gang efforts, including intervention, suppression and prevention. CalGRIP funding will also provide resources for job training and educational programs as well as provide resources to local law enforcement that will be used to track gang leaders in an effort to keep communities safe from the gang element and the illegal activities that they spawn.



### Public Works Acts to Improve Safety

The first day of school brings anticipation and excitement for children and their families. For families in southeast Fresno this was also the first day of school for the brand new Olmos Elementary School. While both parents and children were excited to start class in a new school, this excitement was diminished by concerns regarding the safety of those walking to school. As reported by the media and various motorists, parents and children were dodging traffic to get to the school. The City Public Works Division, working in partnership with Fresno Unified School District, quickly engaged a collaborative team of streets and traffic staff to survey and asses the situation. Within days, a Pedestrian crosswalk and additional school zone signage was installed that provided a safe route to school for these children. Shortly thereafter, other improvements were made that included:

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### Public Works Acts to Improve Safety (cont'd)



- The installation of an ADA accessible ramp.
- Paint and sign crews installed No Pedestrian signs in median islands.
- Additional School Signs, High Visibility Crosswalk, Crosswalk signs were installed.
- School "Xing" stenciling were painted on the roadways.

Median crews also pruned back shrubs/bushes to improve visibility of pedestrians. The quick response to this issue is another successful example of a multi-divisional effort in the Public Works Department and exemplifies how City employees come together to give people the "best every day".



### Governor Proposes Health Care Reform

On September 13, 2007, Mayor Autry stood with Governor Schwarzenegger, doctors, and other community leaders at Children's Hospital Central California in support of Governor Schwarzenegger's comprehensive healthcare reform. The Governor's plan will help reduce the burden on hospital emergency rooms by keeping healthcare affordable for patients through an increase in federal Medi-Cal funding.

The Governor stated, "My plan would bring California billions in federal matching Medi-Cal funds that we now turn our back on. The infusion of federal dollars would expand access, bring down costs and dramatically reduce the hidden tax we all pay to subsidize care for the uninsured."

The Governor's proposal would provide private and district hospitals a total of \$1.7 billion in new funding. Public hospitals also stand to gain significant funding as well. The California Hospital Association (CHA) recently voted to support the Governor's health care plan, which includes hospital contributions, and will be used by the state to collect \$3.7 billion in new federal funding.



### Motorists in District 1 to Get Relief

As development increase on the west side of Ashlan Avenue, so does traffic congestion. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of Mayor Autry, Councilmember Blong Xiong and Redevelopment Administrator Marlene Murphey, motorists will get some relief from the current traffic bottleneck.

Beginning in the Spring of 2008 a 0.25 mile section of Ashlan Avenue will be widened to four lanes between Highway 99 and Blythe Avenues. Funding for this project will be provided by the City of Fresno and the Redevelopment Agency.



## City Awards and Honors

### ***Frank Gallegos recognized for contributions to the City of Fresno***

Mayor Autry and the Fresno City Council recognized Frank Gallegos for his service on the Fresno Empowerment Zone Board of Directors. As a founding member of the Board since June 2002, Frank was instrumental in the development of the Hometown Entrepreneur Loan Program (HELP), assembling approximately one million dollars for businesses located in the Empowerment Zone and other low-to-moderate income census tracts. Congratulations Frank!

### ***Fresno Police Traffic Unit Honored***

The Fresno Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Bureau won first place in the California Law Enforcement Challenge (C.L.E.C.) for agencies in the 500 – 1,000 officer category. This is the fifth year in a row that Fresno's Police Department has won this prestigious award.

### ***Best D.U.I. Program***

The Fresno Police Department was also awarded first place for the best D.U.I. Program in California during a ceremony in San Diego.

### ***Fleet Manager Jim Schaad Awarded Certified Public Fleet Professional***

Jim was honored with the first ever Certified Public Fleet Professional (CPFP) designation awarded by the American Public Works Association (APWA) at their Annual International Public Works Congress in San Antonio, TX on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Industry Competitive Certification Award - Fleet Management Division***

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> time the Fleet Management Division successfully completed a rigorous fleet industry certification award program administered by Fleet Counselor Services (FCS). The program tested 18 critical factors of best practice fleet management and qualified the City of Fresno as an Industry Competitive Fleet Management Operation. The Division will be awarded a crystal trophy in honor of their achievement which certifies Fresno's Fleet Management Division as one of the most cost-effective, accountable, and efficient fleets in North America.

### ***Distinguished Budget Presentation Award***

The City of Fresno Budget & Management Studies Division has received the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its FY 2006-2007 budget documents. This is the fourth consecutive year that the City of Fresno has been recognized for our commitment from the governing body and staff for meeting the highest principles in governmental budgeting.



### Mayor on the Move

- 9/04/07 Participated in a press conference hosted by Governor Schwarzenegger at the Fresno Police Department announcing the Governor’s Gang Coordinator and Advisory Committee.
- 9/05/07 Welcomed attendees and participants at the Mayor’s Career and Education Expo.
- 9/13/07 Attended the dedication ceremony for the new Court of Appeal Courthouse.
- 9/13/07 Participated in a press conference hosted by Governor Schwarzenegger at Children’s Hospital Central California discussing the Governor’s proposal for health care reform.
- 9/16/07 Participated in the Grand Opening Ceremony for Phase I of the newly re-modeled joint baseball and community park at Figarden Elementary School.
- 9/18/07 Presented proclamations for “Deaf Awareness Week,” “Citizen Corps Day” and “Mitochondrial Awareness Week” at the City Council meeting.
- 9/20/07 Addressed participants at the Parole & Community Team Meeting (PACT), a required meeting for newly-released parolees.
- 9/20/07 Hosted a joint press conference with Councilmember Blong Xiong to announce the Ashlan Avenue widening project.
- 9/25/07 Welcomed attendees to the Blueprint Learning Network conference hosted by the Fresno Council of County Governments, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research (OPR).
- 9/27/07 Served as the keynote speaker at the Fresno County & City Republican Women, Federated luncheon.
- 9/28/07 Met with the Fresno Bee Editorial Board to discuss his accomplishments during his term in office.

### Help Conserve Water By Using an Ultra-Low Flush Toilet

Residents can receive at \$75 rebate by converting your standard flow toilet to an ultra-low flush toilet. For more information, call (559) 621-5480 or fill out an application on-line at [www.fresnowater.org](http://www.fresnowater.org).

**Note, only three rebates per residential customer, please.**



Recycle TIP From City of Fresno Recycling division:  
When shopping, choose paper bags over plastic. Whenever possible, use cloth shopping bags.



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Help conserve water by keeping showers under ten minutes

