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COUNCILMAN TACKLES WEEDS

Community asked to adopt-a-lot



CITY HALL - Councilman Troy Nash, 3rd District-at-Large, along with community and neighborhood leaders, are tired of weeds and tall grass plaguing the community. Councilman Nash is now taking action and trying to encourage the community to adopt vacant lots in the area, which are currently being overrun by tall weeds.

Councilman Nash's latest efforts were prompted by the large number of constituent calls his office has received regarding tall weeds and grass in the district. One constituent wrote Councilman Nash about two feet high grass next door to a house where children live. Rodents were dwelling in the high grass and threatening the children's safety. "This is an issue that, as a community, we have to address and take immediate action. Our children's safety and the well-being of our neighborhoods are in jeopardy," stated Councilman Nash.

Currently, the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services has a large list of lots to inspect and mow. However, due to budget cuts, they are not planning on the first mowing until June/July. In addition, there is only enough funding for one mowing this year and part of a second mowing. Therefore, lots that are mowed now may not be mowed again until November. Councilman Nash recognizes the effect that this has on the community and is fighting for additional funding.

In addition, Councilman Nash has decided to take matters into his own hands and start mowing vacant lots himself, along with other community leaders. The goal is to mobilize neighborhood organizations, community groups, and even individuals to adopt vacant lots in their area for the safety and well-being of the community at large. "I hope that through my example, residents will be empowered to make a difference in their own neighborhood by adopting a vacant lot. By working together, we can make a difference in our community," stated Councilman Nash. A more detailed Adopt-A-Lot program will be coming shortly, as Councilman Nash works with neighborhood and community leaders and City Departments to develop a more comprehensive program.