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San Bernardino to be recognized by National League of Cities

The City of San Bernardino will be recognized for its successful Operation Phoenix program at the National League of Cities (NLC) Congress of Cities and Exposition, held in Phoenix, Ariz., November 9 – 12.

NLC will recognize city programs that are examples of creative collaborations, increased efficiency and enhanced quality of life for residents. The programs were chosen in key areas of interest to cities in these difficult economic times and will serve as models for other communities in the areas of economic development, sustainability, infrastructure and children and families.

Operation Phoenix is being honored in the Your City's Family category. Programs being recognized in the category have a common goal; ensure that every child has opportunities to learn and grow, a safe neighborhood to call home, a healthy lifestyle and environment and a financially fit family in which to thrive.

“It is always an honor when professional organizations recognize the work we are accomplishing through the Operation Phoenix program,” said Mayor Patrick Morris. “The program is dedicated to reducing crime and violence in the City of San Bernardino and improving long-term measurable outcomes for children, families, and youth through a holistic approach that includes prevention, intervention, and suppression initiatives.”

The City of San Bernardino is one of six cities receiving the honor from the NLC. The National League of Cities is the nation's oldest and largest organization devoted to strengthening and promoting cities as centers of opportunity, leadership and governance. NLC is a resource and advocate for 19,000 cities, towns and villages, representing more than 218 million Americans.

For more information on the Operation Phoenix program, visit the City's Website at www.sbcity.org or contact Kent Paxton, Assistant to the Mayor, Community Safety & Violence Prevention at 909-384-5127.

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