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**CITY COUNCIL RECEIVES COMMENDATION FROM  
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY**

At its May 25, 2010 meeting, the Arroyo Grande City Council was presented with a commendation from the League of Women Voters of San Luis Obispo County (LWV) for engaging the citizens of Arroyo Grande in government through its selection process to fill a vacant seat on the City Council. Sharon Whitney, LWV Secretary, stated "These actions taken by the Council demonstrate a commitment to open and accessible government."

As part of the selection process to fill the vacancy, a Public Forum was scheduled to provide the public with an opportunity to participate in the process by asking questions of the applicants. Announcements for the Forum were placed on the City's website, cable television government access channel, and through a flyer distributed to community organizations. The Forum, held on May 19, 2010 and moderated by the League of Women Voters, was taped by AGP Video and was subsequently broadcast on the City's cable television government access channel a number of times.

Mayor Ferrara acknowledged the members of the public who attended the Forum, the applicants for their preparation and participation, and thanked the League of Women Voters for the commendation. A ranking system was then developed by the Council to assist them in preparing a motion for appointment. At the conclusion of the process, Planning Commissioner Caren Ray was appointed by Council.

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