



## Memorandum

**TO:** Honorable Mayor &  
City Council Members  
**SUBJECT:** The Public Record  
March 29 – April 4, 2006

**FROM:** Lee Price  
MMC, City Clerk  
**DATE:** April 6, 2006

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### ITEMS TRANSMITTED TO THE ADMINISTRATION

None.

### ITEMS FILED FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD

- (a) Letters from Mrs. Tran Xua and Huang Haupt, dated April 3, 2006, expressing concern regarding the 2006 New Years Celebration and KNTV's broadcast of the Vietnamese communist flag during a parade concession.
- (b) Letter from Kimberly Albertson, dated March 29, 2006, expressing the importance for the City to extend outreach efforts for the Safe Surrender Baby Law by increasing advertisement to television and publications.

Lee Price  
MMC, City Clerk

Public Record

Lee Price  
200 East Santa Clara Street  
San Jose Ca 95113

Dear Lee Price:

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We seek not only an explanation, but also request your assurances that such an error will never occur again.

Thank you in advance for your consideration

Sincerely,

 (year 2006)

MRS TRAN XUA  
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*Huong Haupt* <sup>YEAR</sup>  
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## Agendadesk

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**From:** Price, Lee  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2006 10:52 AM  
**To:** Agendadesk  
**Subject:** FW: Abandoned Babies

A Public Record. Please print and include this week. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** City Clerk  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 29, 2006 12:29 PM  
**To:** Price, Lee  
**Subject:** FW: Abandoned Babies

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**From:** Kimberly Albertson [mailto:nemohotatse2@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 29, 2006 12:18 PM  
**To:** Hon. Ron Gonzales  
**Subject:** Abandoned Babies

Kimberly Albertson  
1572 Mendenhall Dr. #2  
San Jose, CA 95130-1230

March 29, 2006

Hon. Ron Gonzales  
801 North First Street, Room 116  
San Jose, CA 95110-1704

Hon. Gonzales:

It has been a year and two months, exactly, since an abandoned baby was found at the intersection of Moorpark Ave. and San Tomas Expressway. This intersection was less than two blocks from my home and I drove past it twice a day, at least. In fact, I drove past the intersection the night before the baby was found, and again the next morning, while the police were still there.

I can't tell you how profoundly this affected me. My own son was only 6 months old at the time. I still feel some semblance of guilt. I can't help but wonder if the baby was there when I drove past the spot the night before.

When it happened, as it does whenever a similar situation happens, the airways are flooded with people wondering why? Why would someone do it when there are places they can leave their baby and not get into trouble?

With the one year anniversary having just passed, I have been thinking about it quite a bit, and I think I know why it keeps happening.

When the law was first enacted, everyone was talking about it. Then bigger news occurred and people stopped talking about it. Posters are in college classrooms and firestations have signs stating that babies can be left there. But that's it.

No one talks about the law unless another abandoned baby is found and yet we still ask ourselves "why?"

The word needs to be put out on a continual basis. There should be billboards up that inform people about this law. There should be public service commercials on TV informing people about the law. There should be public service commercials on the radio telling people about the law. All of these should be in several languages so that the different cultures in California can be made aware of this law.

How expensive could it really be when compared to the loss of a baby's life? TV and radio spots are usually free if used for community service ads. Costs for billboards, I'm sure, can be paid by private and corporate sponsors. Who wouldn't want to attach their name to such a worthy cause?

It's time we stop giving this important law the minimal lip-service it is currently receiving. It is time that we all step up to the plate and demand that the word gets out on a continual, every day, basis. Only then can we honestly ask the question "why?"

Sincerely,

Kimberly Albertson  
408-871-8310

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