

C O M M E N D A T I O N

Dr. Nora J. Baladerian

WHEREAS, Dr. Nora Baladerian, a clinical and forensic psychologist living in Culver City since 1979, has turned her passion for helping people into a lifetime mission of being a voice for people who are disabled; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Baladerian founded and continues to coordinate annual conventions with the 10th National/ 3rd International Conference on Abuse of Children and Adults with Disabilities held this past year continuing to be the only such conference of its kind in the world; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Baladerian’s numerous positions of involvement include serving as the Director of the Child Abuse and Neglect Disability Outreach Project; Dean of Faculty for the First Online Professional Conference on Abuse and Disability; Director of the Counseling Center of West Los Angeles, providing psychotherapy for crime victims with disabilities; Founder of Mental Health Consultants which provides on site training to law enforcement, child abuse, domestic violence, victim advocacy and Adult Protective Services, all as applicable to persons with disabilities; is the disability representative to the Children’s Justice Act Task Force; and serves as a member of the Violence Against Women Act Task Force representing individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Baladerian led a development team in the writing of a First Responder’s Curriculum on Responding to Child Abuse Calls Involving Children with Disabilities; created a training film for law enforcement agencies with approval from the U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime anticipated; and conducts training programs to aid community, state and national agencies dealing with violence and persons with disabilities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Culver City, California hereby commends Dr Nora Baladerian for her selfless commitment to supporting individuals with disabilities who have suffered abuse, and for her remarkable achievements in educating other professionals.

Dated this 24th day of October, 2005.

Albert Vera – Mayor

Gary Silbiger – Vice Mayor

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