

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR GONZALES      **FROM:** Sara L. Hensley

**SUBJECT:** MAYOR'S GRAFFITI REPORT      **DATE:** 06-27-05

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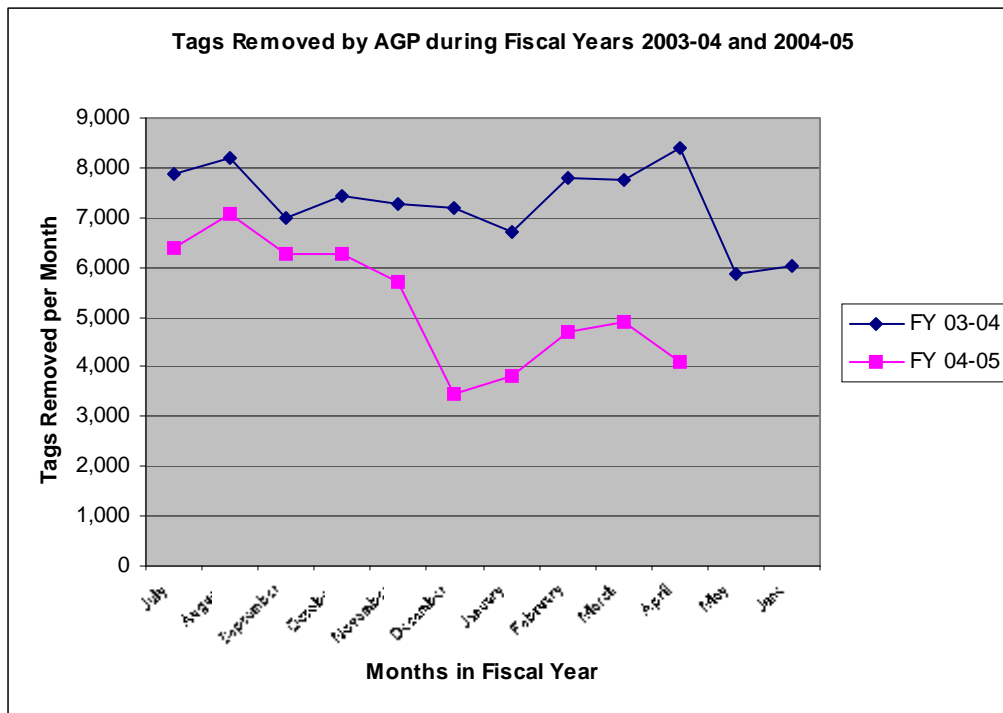
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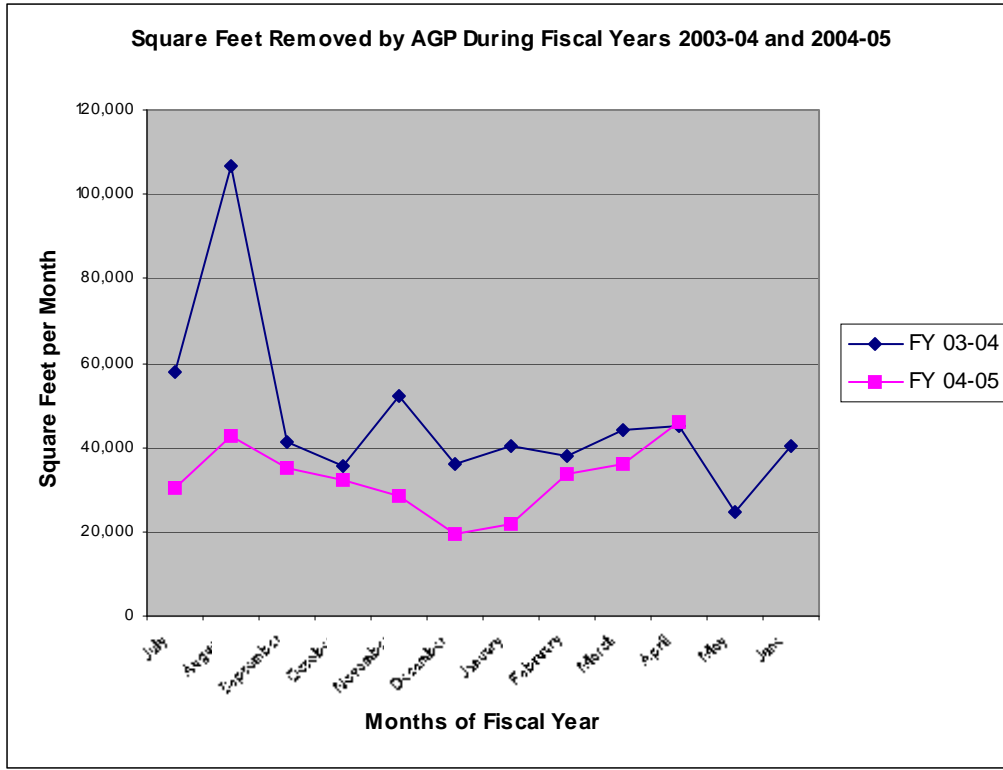
## GRAFFITI REPORT

Graffiti Report submitted from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Department of General Services and Police Department.

## ERADICATION

1. Hotline: Response time for Hotline calls from July 1, 2004 through April 30, 2005 was 99% within 48 hours. The target for this period was 95%. Response time for gang graffiti was 98% within 24 hours. The target for this period was 100%.





2. Graffiti Free Freeways and Graffiti Free Expressways:

The charts below illustrate the progress of the Graffiti Free Freeway Project and the Graffiti Free Expressway Project:

Freeway Name	Baseline Count Nov. 2000	Updated Count April 27, 2005
280	310	11
680	90	3
880	571	5
101	1,166	13
85	89	2
87	913	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,049</b>	<b>40</b>

Expressway Name	Baseline Count May 2001	Updated Count April 28, 2005
Capitol	76	0
San Tomas	10	0
Southwest	40	0
Lawrence	8	0
Montague	12	0
Almaden	15	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>0</b>

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

As of April 30, 2005, there were a total of 2,745 Adopt-A-Block Volunteers. From July 1, 2004 through April 30, 2005, these volunteers have removed 210,749 square feet of graffiti.

### **ENFORCEMENT**

From July 1, 2004 through April 30, 2005 the Anti-Graffiti Program Enforcement staff have assisted 63 private property owners with offers to remove graffiti from their property and/or encouraging them to maintain their property graffiti free in the future.

### **ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION**

1. Staff from Oxnard, California have visited San José to learn more about our successful Anti-Graffiti and Litter Programs.
2. All Anti-Graffiti and Litter Program staff spent the week of May 9<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup> proactively removing graffiti in all Council Districts in San José. The chart below illustrates how much graffiti was removed in that week.

District	Monday 5-9-05	Tuesday 5-10-05	Wednesday 5-11-05	Thursday 5-12-05	Friday 5-13-05	Total Tags
1	120	32	110	128	42	432
2	32	0	0	10	65	107
3	127	46	16	66	0	255
4	38	60	16	0	0	114
5	64	29	68	35	70	266
6	43	0	40	40	0	123
7	180	0	123	0	0	303
8	34	28	28	42	172	304
9	58	52	0	30	0	140
10	87	0	74	72	18	251
Total	783	247	475	423	367	2295

3. The Anti-Graffiti and Litter Program won an award from the National Parks and Recreation Association. The award was for Graffiti Prevention.

## **POLICE EFFORTS**

- Graffiti officers conducted follow-up on the tagging crew "ASE" which are responsible for over \$100,000 in damage to the city. This crew targets major rooftops to demonstrate their graffiti. A suspect was arrested and sent to State Prison.
- Graffiti officers conducted follow-up on the tagging crew "AOT" which are responsible for over \$150,000 in damage. Officers were able to arrest and convict a major part of the crew. All suspects have now been identified with warrants pending.
- Graffiti officers were able to identify the graffiti taggers "YUCK" and "DEAR" from the "WKT" and "RTB" crews, which are responsible for thousands in city damage. Two arrest warrants have been issued for these suspects at \$1,000,000 and \$500,000 respectively.
- The graffiti crew "UYT" was shut down after all 7 members were arrested and charged with the Synagogue hate graffiti case that drew major media attention. This crew is also responsible for thousands in damage to the Bascom / Hwy 280 area.
- During their course of duties, graffiti officers were able to also affect 6 arrests for illegal weapons including guns and knives. Numerous suspects were also arrested for narcotics violations.

February 2005: 15 arrested, clearing 18 cases.

March 2005: 5 arrested, clearing 16 cases.

April 2005: 14 arrested, clearing 23 cases.

## **GENERAL SERVICES**

### **Program Highlights:**

- The percentage of graffiti eradicated in parks within 24 hours for the months of February through April 2005 was 99.83.
- 11 tags out of 6,610 took longer than 24 hours due to either the magnitude of the tagging or inclement weather.
- The charts below compares current period graffiti activity and abatement trends in parks as compared to the program average.

	February '05		March '05		April '05		FY 04-05 Cumulative	
	Prog. Avg	Actual	Prog. Avg	Actual	Prog. Avg	Actual	Program Avg	Actual
# Tags	3,247	3,387	3,669	1,798	3,447	925	35,143	29,402
Square Footage	12,949	10,153	15,235	10,106	17,016	22,052	154,924	112,100

