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INSTANT JUSTICE: RESTORING OUR COMMUNITY BY GIVING BACK *CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE GEARS UP FOR 2013 JULY 4TH EDITION*

San Diego, CA: If you get a ticket between **June 28th and July 7th** for committing selected non-traffic infractions or misdemeanors such as open container, consuming alcohol in public, littering on the beach, dog off leash, smoking in the park or urinating in public, you may be eligible for **INSTANT JUSTICE**.

The Instant Justice program has been a highly successful effort of the City Attorney's Neighborhood Prosecution Unit (NPU) and partners at SDPD's Northern Division, Discover Pacific Beach, San Diego's Department of Park and Recreation and Lifeguard Service.

This year, in consideration of the influx of out of town travelers from all cities near and far, potential offenders from the areas of Pacific Beach, Mission Beach, Mission Bay Park, La Jolla and Clairemont who are cited through July 7th and complete six hours of community work service in the beach area on **JULY 8th** will avoid their citations being filed.

"This is a chance to give tourists and locals alike enjoying the 4th of July holiday a second chance," said City Attorney Jan Goldsmith. "Instead of traveling back to San Diego and/or attending a court proceeding at a future date, you'll have the chance to give back to our community and avoid a criminal charge on your record."

In 2011 and 2012, the 4th of July holidays brought out 109 offenders that completed over 545 hours of community work service such as cleaning up the beaches and surrounding areas hit hardest from the holiday crowds.

Eligible participants need to bring their citation, valid photo I.D., \$40 cash or cashier's check and show up at the parking lot of Pacific Beach Shore Club, 4343 Ocean Boulevard, San Diego, 92109 at **9:00 a.m. on July 8th**.

The City Attorney's Neighborhood Prosecution Unit is involved in several alternative sentencing programs and community courts. In the alternative courts, offenders give back to the community in which they have committed certain crimes. Alternative sentencing programs are aimed at intervention, diversion, reducing recidivism and restoring the community.

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