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TO: All Personnel

FROM: Javier Mainar, Human Resources Officer

SUBJECT: Memorial Services for Retired Fire Captain Louie Vega

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Retired Fire Captain Louie Vega, age 74, passed away at the San Diego Hospice on Sunday morning, May 23, 2004, from complications of pancreatic cancer diagnosed only one year ago. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Rosa Maria Miller de Vega, adult children Lorraine Vega, Sylvia Smith and Carlos Vega, grandsons Jacob, Julian and Dalton, and sister Celia Suniga.

Captain Vega joined our Department on February 5, 1953. He was promoted to Fire Engineer on June 1, 1961 and to Captain on July 26, 1968. He was assigned to Fire Station 27 at the time of his retirement on September 21, 1985, following 32 years of loyal and dedicated service to our community. Captain Vega will be remembered by those who had the privilege of working with him for his high personal standards, unflagging commitment to providing excellent service and his dedication to training fire fighters and mentoring those who were interested in joining the fire service.

A Funeral Mass for Captain Vega will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 28, 2004 at the Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcala, 10818 San Diego Mission Rd., San Diego. A procession to Firefighter's Rest at El Camino Memorial Park, 5600 Carroll Canyon Rd. San Diego, for a brief graveside service will immediately follow. A gathering for family and friends will be held following interment in the La Sala Room at the Mission.

The Vega Family has requested that fire fighters wishing to attend these services wear their Class A uniform. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the "Los Bomberos de San Diego Louie Vega Scholarship Fund", P.O. Box 720774, San Diego, CA.

All Department flags are to be flown at half-staff on the day of Captain Vega's services.

