





# City of Carson Report to Mayor and City Council

September 6, 2011  
New Business Discussion

**SUBJECT: CONSIDER A FEE WAIVER EXTENSION FOR USE OF THE CARSON DOMINGUEZ ROOM AT THE CONGRESSWOMAN JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD COMMUNITY CENTER FOR DR. JENNY BATONGMALAQUE'S TOWN HALL MEETINGS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS**

  
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Approved by Clifford W. Graves  
Interim City Manager

## **I. SUMMARY**

At its June 15, 2010, meeting, the City Council approved supporting the Mayor's request to use the Carson Dominguez Room at the Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center for a town hall meeting for the city's senior residents (Exhibit No. 1). On July 20, 2010, the City Council approved extending the fee waiver through August 2011 (Exhibit No. 2). Tonight, the City Council is asked to consider further extending the fee waiver from September 2011 through August 2012 for these town hall meetings.

## **II. RECOMMENDATION**

CONSIDER and PROVIDE direction to staff.

## **III. ALTERNATIVES**

1. APPROVE the fee waiver request for the use of the Carson Dominguez Room for all twelve town hall meetings that will take place monthly from September 2011 through August 2012.
2. APPROVE a fee waiver for the use of the Carson Dominguez Room for less than all twelve scheduled town hall meetings.
3. DECLINE the request.
4. TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

## **IV. BACKGROUND**

Since July 2010, the Erasto R. Batongmalaque Foundation has held town hall meetings for the city's senior residents. These events have covered a variety of topics relevant to seniors such as health and longevity, and advocacy and coalition building. Additionally, sales representatives from L.A. Health Plan, which is affiliated with the Batongmalaque Foundation, were present for these meetings.

In order to help facilitate this ongoing program, the City Council was asked to consider approving a fee waiver for the organization's use of the Carson Dominguez Room. On June 15, 2010, the City Council approved the group's fee waiver request of the room and equipment - tables and chairs - for its July meeting. On July 20, 2010, the City Council approved extending the fee waiver for the additional thirteen town hall meetings that would take place monthly from August 2010 through August 2011. As these meetings are intended to be informational, staff has made it clear that sales representatives should not be present. Tonight, the City Council is asked to consider further extending the fee waiver through August 2012.

**V. FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the City Council approve extending the fee waiver for the use of the Carson Dominguez Room and related city equipment, the city will not realize \$11,640.00 in revenue (\$450.00 non-profit room rental fee, \$420.00 for tables and chairs, and \$100.00 for linen for a total of \$970.00 per meeting for 12 months). Additionally, a senior recreation ukulele group that normally uses the Carson Dominguez Room at this same time would have to be relocated to the Adult Activity Room which is normally rented to the public. Therefore, an additional \$2,100.00 (\$175.00 Adult Activity Room rental fee per meeting for 12 months) in revenue will not be realized. Thus, the city will not receive a grand total of \$13,740.00 in revenue.

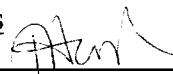
**VI. EXHIBITS**

1. Minutes, June 15, 2010, Item No. 31. (pg. 4)
2. Minutes, July 20, 2010, Item No. 29. (pgs. 5-6)

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City Clerk	City Treasurer
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**Action taken by City Council**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Action \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEM NO. (31) TOWN HALL MEETING FOR SENIORS (PUBLIC SERVICES)**

This item was heard after Council Item No. 20/Agency Item No. 7 at 8:43 P.M.

**Public Comments**

The following members of the public addressed the City Council:

Dr. Jenny Batongmalaque, 23247 S. Main Street, Carson, California 90745, representing E.R. Batongmalaque Foundation/Senior Assessment Center.

Gary Toomer, 20023 Scobey Avenue, Carson, California 90746.

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

1. CONSIDER and PROVIDE direction to staff.

ACTION: It was moved to hold a senior townhall event on June 21, 2010, in the Dominguez Hall, at the Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center on motion of Ruiz-Raber and seconded by Santarina.

During discussion of the motion, Mayor Pro Tem Santarina suggested that staff provide information about the event on the City's webpage, print flyers, and utilize the Public Information Office to reach out to the senior citizens in Carson and neighboring cities and for staff to assist in reaching out to the senior citizens. Whereupon, City Manager Groomes stated that information could be posted on the City's webpage, however, due to the short timeframe to promote an event on Monday, he would need further discussion with staff.

Mayor Dear offered a friendly amendment to the motion to authorize the City Manager to assist Dr. Jenny Batongmalaque with low-cost promotion to the seniors throughout the city, which was accepted with no objections heard.

Council Member Davis-Holmes suggested that flyers be distributed to the senior club and to work with Human Services Manager Cisneros.

Upon inquiry, City Attorney Wynder recommended that the City Council adjourn this evening's meeting to June 21, 2010.

The amended motion was unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Mayor Dear, Mayor Pro Tem Santarina, Council Member Gipson, Council Member Davis-Holmes, and Council Member Ruiz-Raber
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None



**ITEM NO. (29)      CONSIDER FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR USE OF THE CARSON DOMINGUEZ ROOM AT THE CONGRESSWOMAN JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD COMMUNITY CENTER FOR DR. JENNY BATONGMALAQUE'S TOWN HALL MEETINGS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS (PUBLIC SERVICES)**

This item was heard after Item No. 25 at 11:53 P.M.

City Manager Groomes summarized the staff report and recommendation. He recommended that all activities be tied to the non-profit activity of the organization.

**Public Comments**

The following persons offered comments in support of the fee waiver request for Dr. Jenny Batongmalaque:

Gary Gallardo, 21509 S. Figueroa Street, Carson, California 90745, representing the Senior Coalition.

Leslie Quintanilla, 555 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, 29<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, California 90013, representing L.A. Care Health Plan, reported that her organization was a partner with Dr. Jenny Batongmalaque to provide health education to senior citizens.

Dr. Jenny Batongmalaque, 23247 S. Main Street, Carson, California 90745, reported that the Senior Coalition Town Hall meetings would be held on the third Monday of the month.

Liz Foisia requested clarification whether this was an independent non-profit group or a city group. Further, that similar activity was conducted by Samoan groups and, if waivers were available, she would spread the information to the groups.

**RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:**

1.      **CONSIDER and PROVIDE direction to staff.**

**ACTION:**      It was moved to approve the waiver of fees that would permit the use of the Carson Dominguez Room from August 2010 to August 2011 for the town hall meetings for senior groups requested by Dr. Jenny Batongmalaque on motion of Ruiz-Raber and seconded by Gipson.

Mayor Dear offered a substitute motion to approve the motion as stated and that the Public Information Office disseminate the information, which was accepted as a friendly amendment by the maker and the second.

At 12:14 A.M., on Wednesday, Wednesday, July 21, 2010. during discussion of the motion, Mayor Pro Tem Santarina discussed the activity of Dr. Jenny Batongmalaque and the ethnic diversity of the attendees.

Upon inquiry, Dr. Batongmalaque agreed to do outreach to the senior groups in Carson.



The motion, as amended, was unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Mayor Dear, Mayor Pro Tem Santarina, Council Member Davis-Holmes, Council Member Gipson, and Council Member Ruiz-Raber
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

