



# City of Carson Report to Mayor and City Council

July 17, 2012  
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 David C. Biggs  
City Manager

## **I. SUMMARY**

At its June 15, 2010, meeting, the City Council approved supporting the Mayor's request to allow the use of the Carson Dominguez Room at the Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center for Dr. Jenny Batongmalaque to hold a town hall meeting for the City's senior residents (Exhibit No. 1). Subsequently, Dr. Jenny Batongmalaque continued to hold these town hall meetings for seniors and requested an on-going fee waiver for the monthly use of the Carson Dominguez Room. The fee waiver for these meetings was approved on July 20, 2010 (Exhibit No. 2), and extended on September 6, 2011 (Exhibit No. 3). This latest extension will expire with next month's town hall meeting. Tonight, the City Council is asked to consider Dr. Batongmalaque's request to extend this fee waiver for another year, until August 2013.

## **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 2012 through August 2013.
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**

On June 15, 2010, the City Council approved a fee waiver request from Dr. Jenny Batongmalaque with the Erasto R. Batongmalaque Foundation for the rental of a room and the use of equipment - tables and chairs - for a senior citizen town hall meeting scheduled for the following month. This event would present a variety of

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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, was to be present for this meeting.

On July 20, 2010, the City Council approved extending the fee waiver for an additional thirteen town hall meetings that would take place monthly from August 2010 through August 2011. As these meetings were intended to be informational, staff made it clear that sales representatives should not be present. At its meeting on September 6, 2011, the City Council approved a second extension of the fee waiver through August 2012. As this fee waiver extension is scheduled to expire with next month's meeting, the City Council is asked to consider Dr. Batongmalaque's request to extend the fee waiver for an additional 12 months, through August 2013.

**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 \$10,680.00 in revenue (\$500.00 non-profit room rental fee, \$315.00 for tables and chairs, and \$75.00 for linen for a total of \$890.00 per meeting for 12 months). This total fee waiver is not in compliance with the fee waiver policy dated September 15, 1998 (Exhibit No. 4)

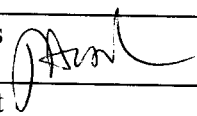
**VI. EXHIBITS**

1. Minutes, June 15, 2010, Item No. 31. (pg. 4)
2. Minutes, July 20, 2010, Item No. 29. (pgs. 5-6)
3. Minutes, September 6, 2011, Item No. 29. (pgs. 7-9)
4. Fee Waiver Policy, September 15, 1998. (pgs. 10-13)

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