

# City of Carson Report to Mayor and City Council

March 6, 2013 New Business Discussion

SUBJECT: CONSIDER APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Submitted by Raymond R. Cruz Director of Community Services

Approved by David C. Biggs

City Manager

## I. <u>SUMMARY</u>

This item is on the agenda at the request of Councilmember Santarina.

On February 19, 2013, the City Council approved an appropriation for staff costs for a number of special events, specifically Cinco de Mayo, the Jazz Festival, Juneteeth, Philippine Independence Day, Caesar Chavez, 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Larry Itliong Day. Tonight the City Council is asked to consider adding the Veterans Day Celebration to those events where an appropriation has been granted.

### II. RECOMMENDATION

DO NOT APPROVE an appropriation of \$3,900.03 for staff costs for the Veteran's Day Celebration.

# III. <u>ALTERNATIVES</u>

- 1. APPROVE an appropriation of \$3,900.03 for staff costs for the Veteran's Day Celebration.
- 2. TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

# IV. <u>BACKGROUND</u>

The City has traditionally sponsored a number of special events, such as Cinco de Mayo and Philippine Independence Day, for the community. With the City's recent budget challenges, various individuals and community groups have come together to volunteer to organize and present these events with limited City assistance, including raising funds to cover the costs to produce the events. This assistance has usually come in the form of a fee waiver for use of a City facility and equipment, together with services provided by the Public Information Office.

At its meeting on February 19, 2013, the City Council approved an appropriation for staff costs for a number of special events. This list did not include the Veteran's Day Celebration. Tonight, the City Council is asked by Council Member Santarina to consider including this event to those that were granted this appropriation.

Staff is recommending that the City Council not approve this because 1) this information did not get submitted by the mid-year budget report presented to the

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City Council on February 19, 2013; and 2) these costs have been paid by community groups and having the City fund them is actually retracting to our previous practice which seems to be a step backwards financially.

# V. FISCAL IMPACT

Should the City Council approve this request, staff estimates that revenue in the form of donations raised will not be realized by the City (Exhibit No. 1) to offset the \$3,900.03 in staff costs, and that amount would need to be appropriated from the Unallocated Fund Balance.

# VI. EXHIBITS

1. 2012 Veteran's Day Celebration Staff cost. (pg. 3)

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Community Development	Community Services		

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