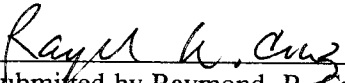


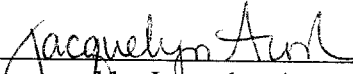


City of Carson Report to Mayor and City Council

July 2, 2013
New Business Discussion

SUBJECT: CONSIDER ESTABLISHING A NEW "MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS" PROGRAM


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Approved by Jacquelyn Acosta
Acting City Manager

I. SUMMARY

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

Staff has been asked to explore establishing a "Meet Your Neighbors" program in the City of Carson. The program would encourage residents to get out and meet the neighbors on their block in the hopes of building and sustaining a strong, active, and connected community through hospitality and goodwill. However, additional direction is requested from the City Council regarding how the program will function and other details.

II. RECOMMENDATION

DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction to staff.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE any other action the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

The intended purpose of a "Meet Your Neighbors" program is to encourage and sustain a strong, friendly, and community-oriented environment among residents of the City's many neighborhoods. Suggested activities include neighbors hosting a block party, delivering homemade baked goods when people move into their neighborhood, and meeting informally in residents' homes to share information with each other on programs and activities in the community, as well as important issues that the City is currently considering.

Currently, the City has a Block Club/Neighborhood Watch Program that allows neighbors to meet on a regular basis to discuss issues relevant to their area, as well as to the City; welcome new residents to their neighborhood and share City information; and work together to keep their neighborhood safe. While this program is not the exact same as the proposed "Meet Your Neighbors" program, it does provide a vehicle for neighbors to interact with each other.

Tonight, staff is requesting additional direction regarding how the program will function, when it will commence, and other details.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

None at this time. If the City Council approves to establish this program, a budget would be required for staff time and/or funds to procure goodwill commodities.

VI. EXHIBITS

None.

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Action taken by City Council

Date _____ Action _____
