



City of Carson

Report to Mayor and City Council

August 6, 2013
New Business Consent

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE "MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS" PROGRAM

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Approved by Jacquelyn Acosta
Acting City Manager

I. SUMMARY

At the July 2, 2013, City Council Meeting, Councilmember Gipson requested staff to explore establishing a "Meet Your Neighbors" program that would encourage current residents to meet and greet the new neighbors on their block in the hopes of building and sustaining a strong, active, and connected community. This report will update the City Council on the Public Safety Division - Community Services Section's efforts to launch this program thus far.

II. RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE and FILE.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE any other action the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

The "Meet Your Neighbors" program was established at the July 2, 2013, City Council Meeting. This endeavor will be an effort to encourage current residents of the City of Carson to welcome new residents to the community. One part of this program was the City Council's directive to designate each July 2nd Meet Your Neighbors Day.

Another component of this program that the Public Safety Division - Community Services Section will be implementing is the open invitation to all new Carson residents to the Annual Block Captains BBQ. This year's event will be held on September 21, 2013, at the Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum. Beyond honoring the hard work of the Block Captains, it will be a welcoming event for all new residents to Carson and provide them with important information about the community and its resources.

Beginning with last year's barbeque, more resources for entertainment and children's activities have been added, and it is expected to be even more enjoyable this year. The Community Services Section of Public Safety will be reaching out to the Block Captains and the Public Information Office to contact the City's newest residents and invite them to the event.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

None at this time.

VI. EXHIBITS

None.

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Reviewed by:

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Action taken by City Council

Date _____ Action _____