



City of Carson Report to Mayor and City Council

September 7, 2010
New Business Consent

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF CHILE DISASTER RELIEF FUND REPORT

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Approved by Jerome G. Grooms
City Manager

I. SUMMARY

The City has recently participated in the collection of and distribution of relief funds related to a natural disaster that occurred in Chile. A report of the funds collected and disbursed is provided herein.

II. RECOMMENDATION

RESCIND city council action of March 2, 2010 to designate the Red Cross as the recipient organization for funds raised by the Chile Earthquake Relief Committee and DESIGNATE an alternative organization as recipient of said funds.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

On February 27, 2010, a magnitude 8.8 earthquake struck Chile near that nation's second largest city, Concepcion. The quake and subsequent aftershocks have literally devastated the country and affected millions through loss of life, shelter and injuries.

On March 2, 2010, the City Council took action to: authorize a donation to the Chile Earthquake Relief fund in the amount of \$5,000.00; authorize a fee waiver for use of the Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center to host a benefit event and related community meetings; and designate the Red Cross as the beneficiary of all proceeds. (Exhibit No. 1)

In response to the need for relief, a Chile Earthquake Relief Committee was formed of Carson residents, elected officials and businesses. In addition to the city's \$5,000.00 donation to aid Chile, a benefit concert was held on April 11, 2010, to raise funds for this effort. A total of \$6,444.08 was raised. Disbursements totaling \$749.37 were made related to expenses for the event leaving a fund balance of \$5,694.71. Please see Exhibit No. 2 for details.

On May 27, 2010 the city's \$5,000.00 donation was forwarded to the American Red Cross International Fund per Council directive. (Exhibit No. 3) The Committee fund remained open in an effort to allow contributions to continue. The donations have ceased and therefore it is now appropriate to disburse the

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