



City of Carson Report to Mayor and City Council

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New Business Consent

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION TO HOLD A 9/11 MEMORIAL TRIBUTE EVENT

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I. SUMMARY

The Public Relations Commission (PRC) is proposing to hold a 9/11 Memorial Tribute to commemorate the 10th anniversary of 9/11. The tribute is proposed to take place on Sunday, September 11, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the atrium of the Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center (Community Center).

II. RECOMMENDATION

1. AUTHORIZE the use of the Community Center and City resources to organize and publicize the 9/11 event.
2. AUTHORIZE staff to solicit donations for the event.

III. ALTERNATIVES

The City Council may TAKE any action it deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

On July 19, 2011, the PRC voted to hold a 9/11 Memorial Tribute to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the terroristic attacks that took place on September 11, 2001 (Exhibit No. 1). In the years following September 2001, the City of Carson and the PRC have jointly sponsored an annual 9/11 memorial tribute every September. However, due to budgetary cuts, the event was suspended beginning 2008.

This year, as the attack marks its 10th anniversary, the commission felt that it is appropriate to hold a small yet solemn recognition as a tribute to the historic event and the thousands of lives that were lost during the attacks. The event proposed by the commission will be held in the atrium of the Community Center, and will involve the participation of key speakers from the L.A. County Sheriff's and Fire Departments, Carson's faith community, and local choirs. It will also feature a special 9/11 video presentation and will conclude with a community candlelight vigil.

In previous 9/11 events, the main expenditures included light refreshments, the purchase of miniature US flags which served as giveaways, candles, and the