



City of Carson Report to Mayor and City Council

September 6, 2011
New Business Consent

**SUBJECT: CONSIDER THE CARSON/DOMINGUEZ HILLS COMMUNITY WIND ENSEMBLE
BE APPOINTED THE OFFICIAL BAND OF THE CITY OF CARSON**

Submitted by Raymond R. Cruz
Public Services General Manager

Approved by Clifford W. Graves
Interim City Manager

I. SUMMARY

This item is on the agenda at the request of Mayor *Pro Tem* Ruiz-Raber.

On June 15, 2011, the City Council agreed to add this issue to its July 5, 2011 meeting agenda. On July 5, 2011, the City Council decided to refer the matter to the Cultural Arts Commission for review. After being discussed at its July and August meetings, the Commission is tonight recommending that the City Council appoint the Carson/Dominguez Wind Ensemble as the city's official band.

II. RECOMMENDATION

APPOINT the Carson/Dominguez Hills Community Wind Ensemble as the official band of the city of Carson.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

The Carson/Dominguez Wind Ensemble is comprised of California State University, Dominguez Hills' students and Carson community members. Currently, the ratio is approximately 75 students to 25 community members, but the goal is to bring the ratio closer to 50 students to 50 community members. The Wind Ensemble performs about six times a year at various events in the Carson community.

During the Memorial Day event at Veterans Park, Mayor *Pro Tem* Ruiz-Raber observed a performance of the Wind Ensemble. At that time, she spoke with California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH) Music Department Chairperson, Dr. Richard Kravchak, about the possibility of the group becoming the official band of the city. The Wind Ensemble can serve Carson residents as a performance outlet, as well as a town band that can perform at civic functions.

At its July 5, 2011, meeting, the City Council referred this matter to the Cultural Arts Commission. During its July regular meeting, the Cultural Arts Commission discussed whether or not to appoint the Carson/Dominguez Wind Ensemble as the official band of the city. The vote that evening was evenly split at 2 ayes, 2 noes, and 2 abstentions, with one commissioner absent (Exhibit No. 1). This matter was again discussed at the Commission’s August meeting in an attempt to break the tie. The vote at that meeting was two ayes and three abstentions, with two Commissioners absent (Exhibit No. 2). With this vote, the Commission approved recommending that the City Council appoint the Carson/Dominguez Wind Ensemble as the official band of the city of Carson.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this item does not provide any financial assistance to California State University, Dominguez Hills.

VI. EXHIBITS

1. Draft Cultural Arts Commission Minutes, July 11, 2011, Item No. 2. (pg. 3)
2. Draft Cultural Arts Commission Minutes, August 1, 2011, Item No. 1. (pg. 4)

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Reviewed by:

City Clerk	<u>City Treasurer</u>
<u>Administrative Services</u>	<u>Development Services</u>
<u>Economic Development Services</u>	<u>Public Services</u>

Action taken by City Council	
Date _____	Action _____



MINUTES
MEETING OF THE CITY OF CARSON
CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD COMMUNITY CENTER
801 E. Carson Street
Carson, CA 90745
July 11, 2011
5:00 p.m.

2. Carson/Dominguez Hills Community Wind Ensemble

Lisa Berglund also spoke on this issue. She informed the Commission that Mayor Pro Tem Julie Ruiz-Raber would like to recognize the Carson/Dominguez Hills Community Wind Ensemble as the official town band of the City of Carson. Some Commissioners expressed some concern over the lack of competition for this recognition, and that the decision seemed arbitrary. Others were worried that the Wind Ensemble would be obligated to perform at every City event, and that it may be unfair to other local bands. After further discussion, Vice-Chairperson Pulido moved to approve the Carson/Dominguez Hills Community Wind Ensemble as the official town band. Commissioner Austin seconded the motion, and a vote was held. The results were as follows:

YES: Commissioner Austin, Vice-Chairperson Pulido
NO: Commissioner Villareal, Commissioner Pablo
ABSTAIN: Chairperson Cole, Commissioner Cruz

Commissioner Fobi was absent, so the vote was evenly split 2-2-2.



MINUTES
MEETING OF THE CITY OF CARSON
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August 1, 2011
6:00 p.m.

1. Carson/Dominguez Hills Community Wind Ensemble:

Mayor *Pro Tem* Julie Ruiz-Raber attended the meeting in an effort to explain to the Commission why she would like to recognize the Carson/Dominguez Hills Community Wind Ensemble as the official town band of the City of Carson. David Gamboa from Cal State Dominguez Hills also attended in support of the Wind Ensemble. Both fielded questions from the Commission, and after further discussion, Vice-Chairperson Pulido moved to approve the Carson/Dominguez Hills Community Wind Ensemble as the official town band. Commissioner Austin seconded the motion, and a vote was held. The results were as follows:

YES: Commissioner Austin, Vice-Chairperson Pulido

ABSTAIN: Chairperson Cole, Commissioner Pablo, and Commissioner Villareal.

Commissioner Cruz and Commissioner Fobi were absent, so the vote was 2-0 in favor of recognizing the Carson/Dominguez Hills Community Wind Ensemble as the official town band of the city of Carson.

Mayor *Pro Tem* Julie Ruiz-Raber thanked the Commission for their support.

