



City of Carson Report to Mayor and City Council

December 20, 2011
New Business Discussion

SUBJECT: A REQUEST TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR A LIST OF EVENTS REQUESTING FEE WAIVERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2012

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I. SUMMARY

At the December 5, 2011 City Council meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Ruiz Raber and Councilmember Davis-Holmes both requested items be placed on a future agenda to discuss fee waivers for Cinco de Mayo, Cesar Chavez, Juneteenth and the Jazz Festival. At this time staff is requesting the City Council provide us with a list of special events in which fee waivers and other support is desired and that those requests be referred to the Policy Sub-committee.

II. RECOMMENDATION

PROVIDE staff with a list of events to be brought forward to the City Council Policy Sub-committee for the consideration of fee waivers for calendar year 2012.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

The City's difficult financial situation required that City support of special events be significantly curtailed for the current fiscal year. Many community groups and others have desired to still undertake special events and often the Mayor and Council Members have wanted to demonstrate support for these efforts. City staff is supportive of the efforts of our Commission, Boards, and Committees, community groups, and non-profits developing the capacity to produce these special events with little to no City support. This focus on capacity building will undoubtedly be an on-going means by which these events can still take place.

While this is a transition year, City staff is nonetheless finding it difficult to plan and provide support for the numerous special events which are still taking place. In eliminating special events funding from the budget and with our reduced staffing, the work program for staff did not anticipate or provide for the level of staff support we are finding still needed to produce these events. Although the intention was to bring these events to the residents at no cost to the city, staff is

finding it difficult to continue to coordinate the particulars of each event, be tasked with raising funds, and still provide core services and activities.

In order to assist staff in planning for the balance of the fiscal year and the calendar year, staff requests the City Council provide a list of events in which a fee waiver is desired so that all of the requests can be brought forward to the City Council Policy Sub-committee for consideration. This will also allow staff to work with event sponsors or proponents to assist them in developing the capacity to produce the events with limited to no City direct support or cost as required by the adopted budget.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

None at this time.

VI. EXHIBITS

None.

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