

# Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL Date: August 9, 2004

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF THE NOISE ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE  
AGA KHAN PARTNERSHIP WALK, TO BE HELD ON AREA H ON  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2004

## RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Acknowledge that the proposed Aga Khan Partnership Walk and the lifting of the Noise Ordinance are categorically exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15023 Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings and;
2. Direct City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to suspend the Noise Ordinance and a Notice of Exemption and hold first reading of same, with respect to the proposed Aga Khan Partnership Walk to be held at Area H on Sunday, September 26, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

## BACKGROUND:

The Aga Khan Foundation based in Washington, D.C. has submitted their Special Event application requesting the use of Area H on Sunday, September 26, 2004 to conduct their annual Partnership Walk. This year's theme is "Education for all." The event warm-up and amplified sound is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. with the walk around the standard Rose Bowl. The street closure is scheduled to take place from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with departure by 6:00 p.m. with an estimated attendance of 3,500 people. Amplified sound will be used for both music and speech.

The suspension of the noise ordinance is requested so that the event can begin and end earlier, with the overall time in the park reduced from previous years. In previous years, participants have complained that the event lasted too long and the afternoon heat made it difficult to complete the walk. This event has been held at the same site for the past five years with amplified sound beginning at 10 a.m. with no known complaints. This is the first noise ordinance suspension requested for this event. Last year's walk raised \$500,000 to provide food and paper products to local fire victims as well as contributions to rural communities in resource-poor areas.

The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure has been held at the same site and has been granted noise ordinance suspensions at 9:00 a.m. for the past five years with no known complaints.

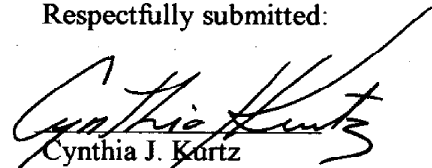
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

The Environmental Administrator has determined that the Proposed Suspension of the Noise Ordinance and Temporary Use Permit necessary to hold the Aga Khan Partnership Walk is categorically exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15323, Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings.

FISCAL IMPACT:

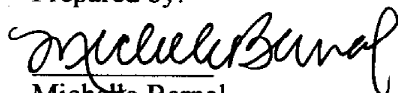
Any City costs that may be incurred, (i.e. -sound meter reading, park clean-up, etc.) are to be paid by the event promoter.

Respectfully submitted:



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