TO: CITY COUNCIL  DATE: November 5, 2007

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF THE NOISE ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL LOS ANGELES KIDS ON THE RUN 5K/10K, TO BE HELD AT BROOKSIDE PARK ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2008.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Acknowledge that the proposed Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles Kids on the Run 5k/10k and the lifting of the Noise Ordinance are categorically exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15323 Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings and;

2. Approve an ordinance to suspend the Noise Ordinance by permitting amplified sound on a Sunday beginning at 9:00 am and a Notice of Exemption and hold the first reading of same on Monday, November 5, 2007, with respect to the proposed Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles Kids on the Run 5k/10k to be held at Brookside Park on Sunday, February 17, 2008 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

BACKGROUND:

The Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles has submitted a Special Event Application requesting the use of Brookside Park on Sunday, February 17, 2008 to conduct their Kids on the Run 5k/10k. The event set-up is to begin on Saturday, February 16, 2008 with the event the following day from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm and departure by 3:00 pm. The sound equipment for the event will be set-up in Brookside Park Area B and on Seco Street adjacent to the start line. A basic sound system with an amplifier, speakers, wireless microphone, and CD player for pre-recorded music, national anthem and announcements will be used during the event.
The projected attendance for the Kids on the Run 5k/10k is 2,000 people throughout the day. The event operations are consistent with all City codes and regulations pertaining to Special Event Permitting.

This is the first year that the Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles Kids on the Run 5k/10k will be held in Pasadena. Last year’s event was held in Griffith Park and raised over $80,000 for the Division of Emergency Medicine which serves all of Southern California including 977 patients from Pasadena.

The operation of amplified sound by non-profit organizations is permitted on Sundays between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The applicant is seeking a waiver of the amplified sound regulation within the Noise Ordinance to suspend P.M.C. 9.36.220B to allow amplified sound to begin at 9:00 am. Sound from the event will be consistent with the Noise Ordinance and will be monitored. Similar walks have been held in this location with noise ordinance waivers and 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 Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles Kids on the Run 5k/10k is categorically exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15323, Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Any costs that may be incurred will be paid by the event promoter.

Respectfully submitted:

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