

# Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: May 21, 2007

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF THE NOISE ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE CITY HALL GRAND RE-OPENING CELEBRATION & MUSIC UNDER THE STARS CONCERT, TO BE HELD AT CITY HALL & CENTENNIAL SQUARE ON SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2007.

## RECOMMENDATION:

1. Acknowledge that the proposed City Hall Grand Re-Opening Celebration & Music Under the Stars Concert 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 until 10:30 pm and a Notice of Exemption and hold the first reading of same on Monday, May 21, 2007, with respect to the proposed City Hall Grand Re-Opening Celebration & Music Under the Stars Concert to be held at City Hall & Centennial Square on Sunday, July 15, 2007 from 5:30 pm – 10:30 pm.

## BACKGROUND:

The Pasadena POPS has submitted a Special Event Application requesting the use of City Hall & Centennial Square on Sunday, July 15, 2007 to conduct their City Hall Grand Re-Opening Celebration & Music Under the Stars Concert. The event set-up is to begin on Saturday, July 14, 2007 & during the morning hours of Sunday, July 15, 2007 with the concert and festivities to begin at 5:30 pm thru 10:30 pm and departure by 2:00 am on Monday, July 16, 2007. The sound equipment for the event will include the use of 12 speakers mounted on either tripods or crank-up towers and a sound mixing-board from which sound will be controlled and monitored for both pre-recorded music and speech.

The projected attendance for the City Hall Grand Re-Opening Celebration & Music Under the Stars Concert is 3,500 – 5,000 people. The event operations are consistent with all City codes and regulations pertaining to Special Event Permitting.

The Music Under the Stars Concert had been held annually at the same site from 2001 - 2004 with amplified sound ending at 10:00 pm and no known complaints. The 2007 event will end at 10:00 pm but in the event of delays, the applicant is requesting a lifting of the Noise Ordinance to have amplified sound end at 10:30 pm.

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 lifting of the Noise Ordinance for this event would permit amplified sound to end at 10:30 pm. The applicant is not seeking a waiver of the entire Noise Ordinance. Sound from the event will be consistent with the Noise Ordinance and will be monitored.

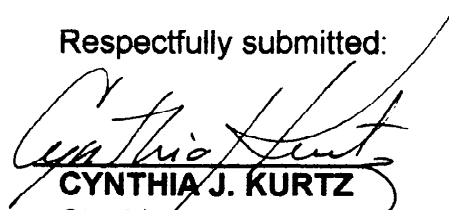
**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:**

The Environmental Administrator has determined that the Proposed Suspension of the Noise Ordinance and Temporary Use Permit necessary to hold the City Hall Grand Re-Opening & Music Under the Stars 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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