

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: July 25, 2005

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 25, 2005

RECOMMENDATION:

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 the City Attorney to prepare 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, July 25, 2005 with respect to the proposed Aga Khan Partnership Walk to be held at Area H on Sunday, September 25, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 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 25, 2005 to conduct their annual Partnership Walk with an estimated attendance of 3,500 people. This year's theme is "Investing in People." The event warm-up and amplified sound is scheduled to begin on Area H at 9:00 a.m. followed by the walk around the standard Rose Bowl 5k route. The street occupation for the walk is scheduled to take place from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with park departure by 6:00 p.m. 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. 2004 marked the first

9:00 am. There were no known complaints from the 2004 lifting of the noise ordinance.

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 begin at 9:00 am. 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.

The Aga Khan Foundation is an international development agency established in 1967 to develop and promote creative solutions to problems that impede social development. Last year's walk raised \$500,000 for resource-poor areas in Africa and Asia to support rural development such as developing a safe water supply, education, and to provide women with economic opportunities. The Aga Khan Foundation makes an annual donation of surplus food from the event to the Union Station Foundation based in Pasadena enabling the shelter to serve warm and nutritious meals to members of the community.

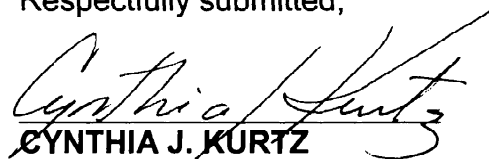
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

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. Based on last year's event, park rental fees totaled approximately \$9,000.

Respectfully submitted,


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City Manager

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July 14, 2005

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Dear Richard,

This letter is a confirmation that Union Station Foundation did receive a donation, from the Aga Khan Foundation. The donation was a very generous one that consisted of soft drinks, various meats, and a healthy portion of bread. On behalf of our staff, and board of Union Station, we would like to express our appreciation to enable us to provide over 145,000 warm, nutritious meals and provide 31,000 nights of shelter every year.

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Additionally, we would have been unable to receive this donation from the Aga Khan Foundation without your dedication to Union Station Foundation.

For 32 years, Union Station has helped thousands of men, women and families leave the streets and begin leading productive, self sufficient lives. Your dedication has enabled us to make Union Station a better place for the people we serve.

We rely on our community- on you- to support our programs for the homeless and poor.

Thank you for your partnership with us in this important work.

Sincerely,

Charles Trotter
Acting Director of Community and Volunteer Programs/
In Kind Donations Manager