

# Agenda Report

**DATE:** November 15, 1999

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL  
**THROUGH:** FINANCE COMMITTEE

**FROM:** CYNTHIA J. KURTZ, CITY MANAGER

**SUBJECT:** APPROPRIATION OF ADDITIONAL \$148,600 TO THE CHARTER REFORM TASK FORCE ON SCHOOL GOVERNANCE

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council appropriate \$148,600 from the Unappropriated General Fund balance to the City Clerk budget, Charter Reform account 261010, to increase the total budget for the Charter Reform Task Force on School Governance to \$201,600.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Charter Reform Task Force, established by City Council in August, 1999, currently has an approved budget of \$53,000. An original budget of \$15,000 was approved on August 2, 1999, to fund supplies and refreshments for Task Force meetings, printing and postage, community forums, translation services, and guest speakers. On August 30, 1999, this budget was supplemented with an additional \$23,000 for consultant fees and \$15,000 for public broadcasting of Task Force meetings.

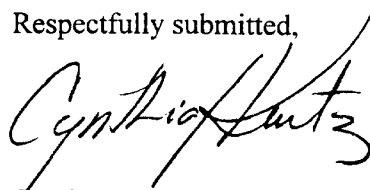
On October 25, 1999, after meeting three times, the Task Force presented a more comprehensive budget to City Council and requested an increase to a total of \$201,600. The revised budget includes \$86,400 for advice and information gathering, \$108,000 for community outreach, and \$7,200 for general support and supplies. City Council referred this request to staff for appropriate funding and requested that investigation be made into possible contributions from other jurisdictions.

Los Angeles County, the City of Sierra Madre and the Pasadena Unified School District have been approached regarding this issue, but have not been able to make a firm commitment at this time. Staff recommends appropriating the full \$201,600 while this issue is pending in the other jurisdictions and adjusting the budget at a later date if additional funding sources are made available.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

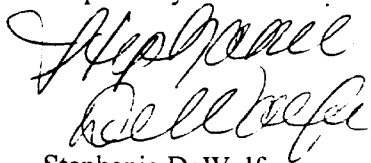
This action will reduce the Unappropriated General Fund balance by \$148,600.

Respectfully submitted,



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