



**From:** Sharon Landers  
**Sent:** Friday, December 27, 2019 9:06 PM  
**To:** Idris Al-Oboudi  
**Cc:** David Roberts; Priscilla Kinnard  
**Subject:** Carson Lupus Support Group 2020 - room request

Idris,

Please confirm what arrangements were made for this group in the past and the authority to provide such a fee waiver. Thanks.

Sharon

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Nicole Padilla <[padilla@lupus.org](mailto:padilla@lupus.org)>  
**Date:** December 27, 2019 at 3:19:59 PM PST  
**To:** Sharon Landers <[sllanders@carson.ca.us](mailto:sllanders@carson.ca.us)>  
**Subject:** Carson Lupus Support Group 2020 - room request

Dear Sharon Landers,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Lupus patients in the Carson community. The Lupus Foundation of America was granted a waiver in from 2016 – 2019 to hold our support group meetings at the Veterans Sports Complex. We are currently seeking a renewal of the fee waiver to hold our meetings again in 2020. The meetings will take place the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30pm – 8:30pm beginning in February through the end of the year for a total of 11 meetings.

We are hopeful that you, along with the City of Carson, will be able to fulfill our request and support the Lupus Foundation of America. We appreciate all that the City of Carson has done to support its lupus patients. Past events such as the Lupus 5k Walk held at Veterans Park are a great way that the City of Carson is showing its support for this community. Lupus is a disease that often causes the patient to feel isolated and many will seek events and support groups to help overcome this feeling.

Lupus is a debilitating, chronic autoimmune disease that causes inflammation and tissue damage to virtually any organ system; it can cause significant disability as well as death. Lupus affects women nine times more often than men. Approximately 1.5 million Americans have a form of Lupus. Lupus strikes most often during the prime of life, between the ages of 15 and 45. There is an urgent need to educate patients and healthcare providers to achieve earlier and more accurate diagnosis and improved management of lupus so as to reduce and prevent its adverse effects. The Lupus Foundation of America works to bring forth education, research, and improved treatments to our patients.

I thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any questions about the support groups or the Lupus Foundation of America. I can be reached at (310) 617-2835 or via email at [padilla@lupus.org](mailto:padilla@lupus.org).

Happy Holidays from the Carson Lupus Support Group!



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