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**Report to Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission**

Thursday, July 27, 2023

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**SUBJECT:**

**CITY OF CARSON'S 55<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY UPDATE**

**I. SUMMARY**

The City of Carson has been celebrating its 55th Anniversary throughout this year. Five events were approved to commemorate this occasion: a Gala Ball, a 5K Run/Walk, a Golf Tournament, a Street Fair, and a Tour de Carson. The Gala Ball, the 5K Run/Walk, and the Golf Tournament have already taken place. An update on the planning of the two remaining Special Events - the Street Fair and the Tour de Carson - will be providing during the meeting.

**II. RECOMMENDATION**

RECEIVE and FILE report.

**III. ALTERNATIVES**

TAKE another action the Commission deems appropriate.

**IV. BACKGROUND**

The City of Carson was formally incorporated on February 20, 1968, after many years of neglect as an unincorporated part of Los Angeles County. By a vote of 6,301 to 3,834, residents approved its independence, and selected by a narrow 318 votes to call itself Carson.

Since then, the city has seen monumental growth and change, from a landscape of refuse dumps, landfills, and auto dismantling plants, to the construction of the SouthBay Pavilion and the Carson Civic Center (comprised of City Hall, a post office, the Sheriff's station, the Carson Event Center, and the Doubletree Hotel), to the expansion of California State University of Dominguez Hills. In recent years, new development has further altered the geography, with housing and businesses joining long established areas of the City. As the City sets its sights on continued progress, the community can look forward to additional enhancements that will create a better, brighter future for its residents.

The City has been celebrating its many accomplishments during this year's 55th Anniversary. Five programs have been approved to bring the community together: a Gala Ball, a 5K Run/Walk, a Golf Tournament, a Street Fair, and a Tour de Carson. The Gala Ball was held on February 25, 2023, at the Carson Event Center; the Street Fair will take place on Carson Street, between Bonita and Avalon, on July 29, 2023; and the Tour de Carson is scheduled for August 12, 2023. The two fundraising opportunities presented in support of the Street Fair and the Tour de Carson - the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Golf Tournament and the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 5K Run/Walk - were held in May. An update on the planning of the last two events will be presented during the meeting.

## **V. FISCAL IMPACT**

### **None. VI. EXHIBITS**

None.

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