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

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Continuing Business

**SUBJECT:**

**CITY OF CARSON'S 55TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE**

**I. SUMMARY**

This year, the City of Carson will be celebrating its 55th Anniversary. Five events have been planned to commemorate this occasion: Gala Ball, 5K Run/Walk, Golf Tournament, Sreet Fair, and Tour de Carson. As the 5K Walk and Golf Tournament were very recently held, staff will be providing a report on how these two programs transpired, and an update on the planning of the two remaining Special Events - Street Fair and Tour de Carson.

**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.

In 2023, the City will have the opportunity to celebrate its many accomplishments during its 55th Anniversary. Five programs have been approved to bring the community together: the Gala Ball, 5K Run/Walk, Golf Tournament, Street Fair, and 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 were the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Golf Tournament and the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 5K Run/Walk. Staff will provide a report to the commission on the status of each event, following the conclusion. Additionally, an update on the planning of the Street Fair and the Tour de Carson will be presented as well.

## **V. FISCAL IMPACT**

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

None.

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