



CITY OF CARSON

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Report to Mayor and City Council

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Discussion

SUBJECT:

CONSIDER FEE WAIVER FOR SOPHISTICATED DANCE STUDIO FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 (CITY COUNCIL)

I. SUMMARY

During the July 16, 2019, City Council meeting Mayor Robles asked that this item be listed on tonight's agenda.

Fee waivers have been provided in the past to Sophisticated Dance Studio. Its fee waiver expired on June 30, 2019.

A special meeting was held on July 23, 2019 and the City Council voted to withdraw this request until the cultural arts funding allocation comes to the Council in November 2019. It was further recommended that city staff meet with Sophisticated Dance to begin discussions of the possibility of the city and Sophisticated Dance working together on providing a special interest class. The City Council further emphasized that avoiding a gap in classes is a priority.

II. RECOMMENDATION

DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction regarding a fee waiver for Sophisticated Dance.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action the City council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

The City of Carson has provided funding for fine arts programming through the Cultural Arts Commission since the 1980s. With the City's budget challenges in 2010, this program was suspended until a time when it would be financially feasible for the City to restart the program. Beginning in 2013, three community groups (Apollo West Carson Players, Mariachi Academy, and Sophisticated Dance) were granted fee waivers for a two-year period for room use at the Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center at Carson. This action was taken to assist these groups with their fundraising activities, as well as to hold meetings and rehearsals.

In 2015, a four-year fee waiver extension was provided to those three community groups, along with the ERB Foundation. Those fee waivers expired on June 30, 2019.

Sophisticated Dance received Cultural Arts Commission contract funding from 2014 -2018. Most recently, it was granted room use in the amount of \$10,000 for July-December, 2019, to be implemented after the fee waiver expired on June 30, 2019.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

Should the fee waiver be extended, the estimated total revenue loss would be based on the number of dance room hours requested and any additional equipment used. (Exhibit No. 1). If rates increase in the future, the estimated loss would also increase.

VI. EXHIBITS

1. Community Center Room Rental Rates (pg. 3)

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