



Office of the City Manager

RECESS ITEM
CONSENT CALENDAR
September 10, 2002

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: Weldon Rucker, City Manager

Subject: FEE WAIVER: INTERFAITH PRAYER VIGIL

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution waiving certain fees in the amount of \$510 for the Interfaith Prayer Vigil hosted by the First Congregational Church of Berkeley on September 11, 2002 in the Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Park.

NEGATIVE EFFECT IF ACTION IS DELAYED UNTIL AFTER COUNCIL RECESS:

The Interfaith Prayer Vigil is scheduled to take place one day after the City Council returns from its summer recess; as a result, a delay in processing the special event application request would not allow the event holder or City staff sufficient time to facilitate an organized event.

BACKGROUND:

People of all faiths and backgrounds are being invited to gather at Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Park on September 11 at 6:30 p.m. for an interfaith prayer vigil to promote world peace and to memorialize those who gave their lives trying to save others on September 11, 2001, when America came under attack. Those who attend the Interfaith Prayer Vigil are being asked not to look back in sorrow, or forward in revenge, but to honor those who gave their lives trying to save others and to pray for lasting peace.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The total cost for fees and services for the Interfaith Prayer Vigil is \$510. The fees being waived are the special event permit (\$106), amplified sound permit (\$26), and refundable maintenance deposit (\$201). In addition, the services of three Recreational Activity Leaders will be used to

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set-up and take down the sound system to be provided by the Department of Parks Recreation and Waterfront (\$177).

CONTACT PERSON:

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Approved by:

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Fred Medrano, Director
Department of Health and Human Services

RESOLUTION NO. -N.S.

WAIVING CERTAIN FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$510 FOR THE INTERFAITH PRAYER VIGIL HOSTED BY THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BERKELEY ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2002 IN THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CIVIC CENTER PARK

WHEREAS, September 11, 2002 marks the first anniversary of that shocking day where thousands of innocent citizens lost their lives when America came under attack; and

WHEREAS, people of all faiths and backgrounds are being invited to gather at Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Park on September 11, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. for an Interfaith Prayer Vigil to memorialize the innocent victims and those who gave their lives trying to save others on that tragic day; and

WHEREAS, those who attend the Interfaith Prayer Vigil are being asked not to look back in sorrow, or forward in revenge, but to honor those who gave their lives trying to save others and to pray for lasting peace.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the following fees in a total amount not to exceed \$510 for the Interfaith Prayer Vigil hosted by the First Congregational Church of Berkeley on September 11, 2002 in the Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Park are hereby waived:

- ◆ Special event permit
- ◆ Amplified sound permit
- ◆ Staff installation of the sound system