CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: November 5, 2009

To: Honorable Mayor & City Council

From: Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Assistant Director of Community Services/City Librarian

Subject: Request to the Mayor and City Council to co-sponsor a blood drive which would include a fee waiver of Library Auditorium rental fee

Attachments:
1. Letter from Steve Katz, Deputy in Charge of District Attorney's Office

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INTRODUCTION

The City has received a request from Mr. Steve Katz, Deputy in Charge of the District Attorney's Office in Beverly Hills, for co-sponsorship of a blood drive to be held in the Library's Auditorium on 11/16/09 in conjunction with the City of Hope. The co-sponsorship, if granted by the Council, would waive the fee customarily assessed for the rental of the Library's Auditorium which would be $856 for the time requested on this date.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Katz, in conjunction with the City of Hope, would like to hold a community blood drive in the Library Auditorium on 11/16/09, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. He is requesting that the City co-sponsor the event, which would result in waiving the rental fee of $856 for the use of the Library Auditorium during this period. It should be noted that the Library Auditorium is currently available on this date. Mr. Katz has chosen the November timeframe so as not to conflict with the blood drives that are held by the Police and Fire Departments.

While this blood drive is a very worthwhile cause, the City's Community Facilities Rental Policy does not provide for waiving fees in this case. However, if the City Council chooses to co-sponsor the blood drive, the fees could then be waived.

FISCAL IMPACT

Waiving the potential of all or part of $856 in rental fees for the Library Auditorium.

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council considers whether to co-sponsor the blood drive on 11/16/09 and thereby waiving the rental fee for the Library Auditorium.

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Nancy Hunt-Coffey
Approved By

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Honorable Members of the Beverly Hills City Council:

By way of introduction, my name is Steve Katz, and I am the Deputy-in-Charge of the Beverly Hills Area Office, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

I am assisting in organizing a blood donation drive, to be coordinated by the City of Hope (an NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center), and tentatively slated for Monday, November 16, 2009. Those who are involved in this effort would be honored if the City of Beverly Hills were to agree to co-sponsor the event with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, perhaps offering as an in-kind contribution the use, for the blood drive, of the second-floor auditorium in the Beverly Hills Public Library, between the hours of 7:30 am and 4:30 pm.

Many of those who are expected to participate in the blood drive will be doing so to honor the memory of Daniel Levian, a victim of a driving-under-the-influence-of-alcohol -related homicide that occurred in Beverly Hills on July 28, 2008. At the time of his death, Daniel Levian lived in the City of Beverly Hills, where his family continues to reside.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have or should develop.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

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