

**MOORPARK CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: John Brand, Senior Management Analyst 

DATE: October 18, 2011 (CC Meeting of November 02, 2011)

SUBJECT: Consider Conejo Valley YMCA Request to Use the High Street Arts Center for Youth and Government Event

DISCUSSION

The City has received a written request from the Conejo Valley YMCA for the use of the High Street Arts Center and the theater's sound system for its Annual Bill Night Event on November 17, 2011, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. In addition to using the theater, the YMCA is also asking that the Council waive the City's facility rental fees.

The Youth and Government delegation participating in the event will be comprised of approximately 250 people, mostly students from Moorpark High School.

Historically, the City has only waived facility fees for Moorpark non-profit groups. Since the Conejo YMCA does not meet this criteria, but is providing an educational experience involving Moorpark students, staff proposes that the City co-sponsor the event, including use of the sound system. The Theater Director is available to operate the sound system for the event as a volunteer. Normally, theater rental for one night would be \$200, plus \$150 for use of the sound system with an audio technician. With the City's co-sponsorship, no facility rental fees would be charged. The Council did approve this same request from the Conejo Valley YMCA in 2009 and 2010, when the events were held in the Apricot Room.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve the co-sponsorship of the Conejo Valley YMCA Youth and Government Event on November 17, 2011.

Attachment 1: Letter from YMCA dated 10/19/11



October 19, 2011

Mayor Janice Parvin
 City of Moorpark
 799 Moorpark Ave
 Moorpark, CA 93021

Dear Mayor Parvin and Council Members;

On behalf of the Conejo Valley YMCA Youth and Government delegation for the 2011-2012 school year, I would like to request the use of the High Street Theater on Thursday, November 17th, 2011 for our annual Bill Night event.

As you are aware, the YMCA Youth and Government Program provides high school students (mostly from Moorpark High School) the opportunity to participate in a model legislature and court program. Over the course of the program year, youth participants in our delegation construct a variety of legislative bills to be considered for our Statewide Sacramento conference in February. The annual Bill Night event is an opportunity for the youth participants to formally present and debate the legislative bills they created. A panel of community leaders serve as judges who will rate the variety of bills that will then determine which ones will be sponsored by our delegation and sent to Sacramento for debate and consideration by the model legislature. If our bills are passed and signed by the youth Governor, they will be included in a packet sent to the official State Legislature.

Our delegation would like to request the use of the High Street Theater as a formal facility for our event. The use of this facility will give the students an opportunity to demonstrate their skills they have practiced prior to debating on the actual capital floor. We are looking to use the facility on Thursday, November 17th, 2011 from 5pm-9:30pm to accommodate approximately 250 people and use of a sound system, if possible, to help us facilitate the event.

Our delegation greatly appreciates your continued support of the program. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lauren Bianchi, Volunteer Adult Advisor
 Conejo Valley YMCA, Youth and Government Program

P.S. If you would like more information on the statewide YMCA Youth & Government program that the Conejo YMCA High School Students are a part of please visit the website at: <http://www.calymca.org/>

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