

**MOORPARK CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: Hugh R. Riley, Assistant City Manager 

DATE: October 12, 2009 (CC Meeting of October 21, 2009)

SUBJECT: Consider Conejo Valley YMCA Request to Use the Apricot Room for Youth and Government Event

DISCUSSION

On September 2, 2009, the City Council approved a request from the Conejo YMCA to waive fees for the use of the Apricot Room to host a Youth Government Event on September 17, 2009. The City has received an additional written request from the Conejo Valley YMCA for the use of the Apricot Room for its Annual Bill Night Event on November 19, 2009, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. In addition to using the room, the YMCA is asking that the Council waive the City's facility rental fees, excluding use of the City's sound system located in the Apricot room.

The Youth and Government delegation participating in the event will be comprised of approximately 280 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, but not to allow use of the sound system, which would require technical support from City staff. With the City's co-sponsorship, no facility rental fees would be charged.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve the co-sponsorship of the Conejo Valley YMCA Youth and Government Event on November 19, 2009.

Attachment: Letter from YMCA dated 10/07/09



YMCA

*We build strong kids,
strong families, strong communities*

October 7, 2009

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

Dear Mayor Parvin and Council Members:

The Conejo Valley YMCA Youth and Government delegation for the 2009-2010 school year is requesting your permission to use the Apricot room on Thursday, November 19, 2009, for its Annual Bill Night event.

As you are aware, the YMCA Youth and Government Program offers high school students (mostly from Moorpark High School) the opportunity to participate in a model legislature and court program. Our annual Bill Night event is the opportunity for the delegates to formally present and debate the legislative bills on which they are currently working. A panel of judges will select two bills that will be sponsored by our delegation and sent to Sacramento for debate and consideration.

The Moorpark City Council, Apricot room, will provide the students a venue to practice debating and promoting bills that they will ultimately be required to advocate on the actual State Capital floor. If possible, we would like to use the facility on Thursday, November 19, 2009, from 5:00 PM until 8:30 PM. We anticipate that approximately 280 people (including the students) will be attending the event. We would also appreciate the use of any sound systems that might be available in the Apricot room for an event of this size.

We greatly appreciate your continued support of the program. Please let me know if there is any other information I can provide you. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Patrick Yarrow
Lead Director
Conejo Valley YMCA

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

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