

**MOORPARK CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA REPORT**

**TO:** Honorable City Council

**FROM:** Hugh R. Riley, Assistant City Manager

**DATE:** October 8, 2010 (CC Meeting of October 20, 2010) 

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

**DISCUSSION**

The City has received a written request from the Conejo Valley YMCA for the use of the Apricot Room and the City's sound system for its Annual Bill Night Event on November 18, 2010, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. In addition to using the room, 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 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. The Council did approve this same request from the Conejo Valley YMCA in 2009.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the co-sponsorship of the Conejo Valley YMCA Youth and Government Event on November 18, 2010.

Attachment: Letter from YMCA dated 10/20/10

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October 20, 2010

Mayor Janice S. Parvin  
City of Moorpark  
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Dear Mayor Parvin and Council Members:

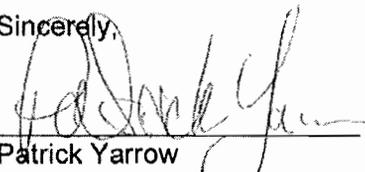
The Conejo Valley YMCA Youth and Government delegation for the 2010-2011 school year is requesting your permission to use the Apricot room on Thursday, November 18, 2010, for its annual Bill Night event.

The YMCA Youth and Government Program provides high school students the opportunity to participate in a statewide model legislature and court program. Our local delegation is represented by approximately 100 high school student delegates primarily from the Moorpark area. The annual Bill Night event is an occasion for the participating students to formally present and debate legislative bills, on which they are currently drafting, for the program's Sacramento conference. A panel of local community leader judges will vote to select two-three bills during the event to 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 debate and promotion of their legislative bills, as they will ultimately be required to advocate for them on the actual State Capital floor. If successful, the legislative bills will be signed by the Youth Governor and copies of those bills are sent to the actual state legislature. For your consideration, we would like to use the Apricot room facility on Thursday, November 18, 2010, 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 us know if there is any other information we can provide you. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Patrick Yarrow  
Associate Executive Director

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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