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CC: Hon. Traci Park, Councilwoman, CD11; Keith Mozee, BSS General Manager; Marisol Rodriguez, BSS External Relations Director

RE: Street Party Process Simplification for Small Neighborhood Residential Block Parties

Dear Matthew,

The current process for organizing street parties within our community has proven to be intricate, discouraging potential event organizers due to its complexity and associated costs. Residents who wish to host such gatherings are burdened with navigating through multiple agencies, each with distinct requirements, leading to confusion and frustration. One resident, passionate about strengthening community bonds, faced unexpected challenges when planning a street party. Amidst bureaucratic hurdles, a significant LAPD fee of \$800 for a DJ emerged as a potential barrier, threatening the inclusivity of such events.

This complexity arises from the need to coordinate with various agencies for permits, petitions, multiple fees, indemnifications, and compliance, making the process both time-consuming and financially burdensome. As a result, the community experiences a significant deterrent to hosting street parties, hindering the cultivation of neighborhood bonds and the celebration of our local culture.

To address these challenges, a motion has been proposed to streamline the application process for street parties. The motion aims to simplify the bureaucratic hurdles by centralizing agency coordination, providing clear guidelines, and exploring fee waivers, making it more accessible and encouraging community engagement.

By addressing these issues, the proposed motion strives to enhance community cohesion, promote cultural celebrations, and create a more accessible and enjoyable atmosphere for residents to come together and celebrate their neighborhood.

Street parties are integral to fostering a sense of community spirit and creating opportunities for neighbors to come together, build relationships, and celebrate local culture. However, the current application process for organizing such events can be cumbersome and may discourage residents from taking initiative in planning these valuable gatherings.

The MVCC proposes the implementation of the following changes to streamline and simplify the street party application process:

- 1. Clear and Concise Guidelines:**
Provide clear and concise guidelines for organizing street parties, outlining the necessary steps and requirements. This will help applicants understand the process and ensure compliance with local regulations.
- 2. Coordination of Agencies (Community Liaison Officer):**
Simplify the process by centralizing coordination among relevant agencies. Instead of requiring applicants to contact multiple agencies independently, establish a single point of contact responsible for liaising with different departments, reducing the administrative burden on residents.



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3. Streamlined Insurance Coordination:

Simplify the process by having the city coordinate the insurance requirements. Instead of requiring applicants to navigate insurance complexities independently, centralize this aspect within the city's responsibilities. This will alleviate a significant burden on residents and ensure compliance with necessary regulations.

4. Utilize an Online Petition:

Introduce an online petition platform to obtain support (At least 51%) for street parties. This will serve as a means for residents to express their interest and demonstrate the community's enthusiasm for these events.

5. Waiver of Certain Fees:

Consider waiving or reducing certain fees associated with street party permits to encourage community engagement and make the process more financially feasible for residents.

Very Truly Yours,

Kevin Wheeler, Chair MVCC PLUM
Committee

Drew Ruesch, MVCC Board Chair