

Honorable Chair and Members
of the Armed Forces Day Special Standing Committee
Torrance, California

Members of the Armed Forces Day Special Standing Committee:

**SUBJECT: City Manager and Police - Discuss and Provide Direction for the
2024 Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration. Expenditure: None.**

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Police Chief and City Manager that the Armed Forces Day Special Standing Committee discuss and provide direction on the planning and programming for the 2024 Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

In 2023, the City brought back the tradition of the annual Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration, after a 3-year hiatus due to the health pandemic. The community welcomed the return of this celebration by the large turnout of the 5K run, parade and exhibit. This year will mark the City's 62nd Annual Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration which is planned for May 17-19, 2024. The annual celebration is part of the City's long-standing tradition of honoring and thanking our nation's service members. The typical weekend festivities include an afternoon and evening military band concert, weekend long military exhibit, Saturday luncheon, the highly anticipated parade, and post parade dignitaries banquet dinner

The City Manager's Office and the Police Department would like to discuss the 2023 Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration participation and potential modification to the 2024 Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration activities.

Military Concerts

Prior to its return in 2023, the planning team noticed a significant decline in attendance to both the afternoon and evening military band concert. The Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration Planning Team would like the Committee to consider eliminating the afternoon military band concert, due to the low attendance and focusing marketing efforts on the evening concert.

Flyovers- Noise Abatement Exemption

Another highlight of the celebration are the military aircraft flyovers that take place during the parade along the parade route. The noise caused by the flyovers do not comply with the Torrance Municipal Code. The only time military aircraft is exempt from the noise ordinance is when they are on a

mission. In the past, an exemption from the noise ordinance has been requested and granted by the City Council. The Planning Team is requesting the Committee to provide direction regarding pursuing a noise abatement exemption from City Council.

Airport Landing Fees were recently implemented in the City of Torrance. The only exemptions are military, public safety, medical and Torrance-based rotary wing aircraft manufacturers. In the past, many of the flyovers are performed by volunteers. Historically, we have also reimbursed the pilots for the fuel associated with the flyover. The landing fees and fuel costs are contingent to how many flyovers are performed by volunteers. Staff is seeking direction regarding subsidizing landing fees and reimbursing fuel costs.

Respectfully submitted,

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