

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 07-173


DATE July 11, 2007

C.D. 4

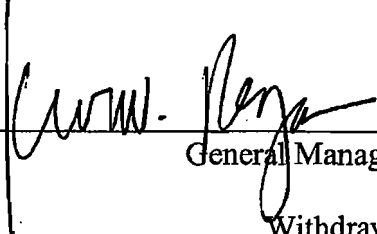
BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY – REQUEST FOR FEE WAIVER – BLUE RIBBON OF THE MUSIC CENTER

R. Adams _____
 H. Fujita _____
 S. Huntley _____
 *V. Israel _____



J. Kolb _____
 F. Mok _____
 K. Regan _____
 M. Shull _____



General Manager

Withdrawn **AUG 14 2007**

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board review the request taking into account Board policy (Board Report No. 03-207).

SUMMARY:

The Blue Ribbon of the Music Center is a 501 (C) 3 non-profit group that supports a wide variety of programs to Los Angeles youth. The Blue Ribbon of the Music Center was founded in 1968 by Dorothy Buffum Chandler and today has a membership of more than 625 women who champion the performing arts and make substantial financial contributions to the Music Center community programs and its resident companies. As many as 25,000 fifth-grade students journey to the Music Center annually for free performances as part of the Dorothy B. Chandler Children's Festival.

The Blue Ribbon of the Music Center, the fundraising arm of the Music Center of Los Angeles County, is requesting the rental fee waiver of \$25,000 fee for a private event at the Griffith Observatory on Monday, September 24, 2007. The organization is requesting use of the facility from 5:00 – 8:30 pm, one show in the Samuel Oschin Planetarium, and dinner catered by Wolfgang Puck for 200-300 Blue Ribbon members. The group will pay all expenses associated with the evening (staffing, security, parking, etc.) but seeks a fee waiver for the special use facility rental. Off site parking must be arranged for the more than 200 guest per the Observatory Rental guidelines (Board Report No. 07-145).

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

PG. 2

NO. 07-173

The Board; however, approved Report No. 03-207 on June 18, 2003, which established the Policy that no waivers be considered or approved for any fees, costs, or expenses, as established in the Manual of Rates and Fees, for use of Department facilities and property.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

If the waiver is granted, there would be a fiscal impact of \$25,000, which the Observatory would otherwise benefit from, for operating, replacement or repair costs.

Report prepared by Vicki Israel, Acting Assistant General Manager, Operations East