



DATE OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING: February 1, 2011

TO: LAUREL M. BARCELONA, City Administrator

FROM: TIMOTHY L. DABNEY, Chief of Police
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SUBJECT: LOMPOC POLICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL OLYMPICS CAR SHOW AND CRUISE NIGHT

Recommendation:

The City Council adopt Resolution No. 5693(11), pertaining to the Lompoc Police Department Cruise Night on Friday, August 12, 2011, from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM, and the Lompoc Police Department Car Show on Saturday, August 13, 2011, in Ryon Park, designating those two charitable activities as City-sponsored events.

Background:

The Lompoc Police Department held its first Special Olympics Car Show on the Labor Day weekend in 2002. The Special Olympics Car Show is a charitable event to raise money for the Special Olympics program for young people with disabilities. What began as a simple fundraiser has blossomed into a widely recognized civic event. Last year, over 300 car enthusiasts entered their vehicles in the show, thousands of spectators came to look at the vehicles and \$25,000 was raised and presented to the Northern Santa Barbara County Special Olympics Committee. Out of town participants travel to Lompoc from places as far away as Oklahoma, Georgia and Texas. Those participants contribute to the local economy by staying in our hotels and eating in our restaurants.

Over the course of the last nine years, the staff of the Lompoc Police Department has raised over \$208,000 that has been ceremoniously presented to the Northern Santa Barbara County Special Olympics Committee at regular meetings of the Lompoc City Council.

The Lompoc Police Department is in the planning stages for its tenth annual car show to benefit Special Olympics. The Cruise Night is planned for Friday, August 12, 2011 between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM. The Car Show is planned to take place in Ryon Park the following day, on Saturday, August 13, 2011, between 7:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

Discussion:

The past three years, the Lompoc City Council has passed a resolution making the Lompoc Police Department Car Show and Cruise Night a City event. The reasoning behind that action is the Car Show is sponsored by the Police Department to benefit Special Olympics; it is not

sponsored by Special Olympics. Sergeant Harry Heidt (Ret.) and other law enforcement officers who desire to raise money for their charity of choice, the Special Olympics, spearhead the Car Show. Historically, the Lompoc Police Department has used City equipment and staff (primarily in a volunteer capacity) in support of this event, as well as involvement by the Lompoc Parks and Recreation Department, Lompoc Fire Department and Streets Department. Resolution No. 5693(11) simply deems the Lompoc Police Car Show and Cruise night a City event.

Summary:

Staff members of the Lompoc Police Department have volunteered their time and worked together over the past nine years to develop a premier event within our City. This event elevates the City's image as a recreational destination and raises revenues. The worthiness of the Special Olympics as a charity goes without question. The Lompoc Police Department requests you adopt Resolution No. 5693(11) providing your staff the proper legal channels to sponsor this event.

Respectfully submitted,

TIMOTHY L. DABNEY
Chief of Police

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO CITY COUNCIL:

LAUREL M. BARCELONA
City Administrator

Attachments: [Resolution No. 5693\(11\)](#)