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**To:** Legal Finance Committee Group  
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City Council Members,

I wanted to let you know that we have reviewed the materials from Pastor Stuen, and the stipulations that have already been agreed to. We are “passively supportive” of their proposed event for the following reasons:

- As you know, a part of our Department’s Mission Statement is focused on “Community Enhancement.” The idea here, is; if there are positive things going on in our community, it leads to a healthy community, which has the potential to reduce crime in a big picture sense of crime reduction. This is similar to an extreme block party. We’ve encouraged and participated in neighborhood block parties for years at the PD to encourage neighborhoods to strengthen.
- The applicant has taken reasonable steps to mitigate neighborhood and safety related concerns:
  - They have attempted to meet with the neighbors to gain their support.
  - They have taken reasonable steps to mitigate safety concerns including; having an operations plan, secondary parking plans, obtaining insurance, and taking precautionary measures regarding the control of livestock.

I would anticipate the following additional RCPD related concerns, and how we would intend to address them;

- Parking concerns-
  - We will offer to meet with event volunteers ahead of time, to give them guidance on how to manage event parking.
  - We will have an increased presence in the area at the start of, and during the event to address any parking issues.
- Neighborhood issues-
  - There may be neighbors that are disturbed by the increased activity in the area; We will mediate these concerns as we do with any other neighborhood conflicts. The time of day is to our advantage in this circumstance because noise tolerance is generally more acceptable this early in the evening/afternoon hours.
- Safety Issues related to bulls-
  - We’ve dealt with loose livestock on Campbell Street, near the Civic Center, and in the downtown area over the years. There will be ranch experts in

the area, and we will utilize their expertise to remedy any unintended loose livestock immediately. In the unlikely situation where those efforts fail, we are equipped to address these types of threats, and will take appropriate and immediate action to remedy any threat to public safety.

Let me know if you have any questions or additional concerns.

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