

## MOTION

## PUBLIC WORKS

In an effort to promote healthy communities and neighborhood pride, the City of Los Angeles frequently waives administrative fees and costs so that residents and groups may hold special events. In order to process these events, the City Council regularly approves Special Event Motions that detail the services provided and costs absorbed by the City.

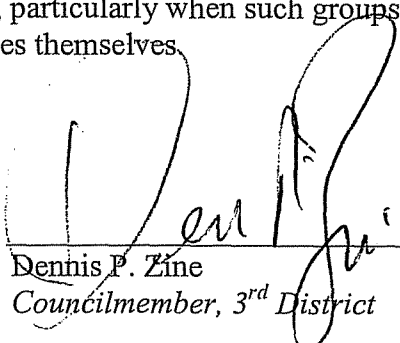
Due to the widely varying nature of special events that take place in the City, it is difficult to calculate exactly how much each event will cost. The Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) does its best to estimate event costs by judging the length of the event, the size of the location, what services are requested, and other factors. However, despite the best efforts of City staff, it often appears that the costs reflected by various Council Special Event Motions are not entirely consistent. For example, two recent Special Event Motions in Council District Three had estimated costs listed that differed by over one thousand dollars, even though the events themselves were nearly identical.

Further, many Special Events, such as block parties, are hosted entirely by the event sponsor. In these cases, neighborhood volunteers pick up and return street barricades themselves, with no City workers present at the event. It is very likely that these and other self-hosted events do not incur the full cost to the City that is estimated by Special Event Motions.

In order to give the clearest information possible to the Council and the public when reviewing Special Event Motions, cost estimates must closely match the specific nature of each event. The calculation methods used to estimate Special Event costs should be analyzed and refined.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the CLA report to the City Council with an explanation of the process used to calculate Special Event costs and recommendations to clarify the range of services provided by the City to event sponsors, particularly when such groups prepare and manage the majority of Special Event services themselves.

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