

Council Meeting of  
November 20, 2007

Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the City Council  
City Hall  
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

**SUBJECT:** Community Services – Approve a Request from United States Air Force Band of the Golden West to Perform a Free Concert in February 2008 and offset program costs.  
**Expenditure: \$1,000.**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of the Acting Community Services Director that City Council approve hosting a free concert by the USAF Band of the Golden West in the James Armstrong Theater on February 16, 2008 and offset program costs.

### **FUNDING**

Funding of \$1,000 is available in the City Council's Community Events program budget.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Community Services Department received a letter from United States Air Force (USAF) Technical Sergeant Tom Hanrahan, the Concert Band Operations Representative in Travis, California, requesting that the City host a Concert for the Band of the Golden West. The band will be spending a few days in the Los Angeles area to provide free, public performances during February 2008.

The City is being asked to reserve the James Armstrong Theatre for the event. In addition, the City will print the concert programs, and print and distribute tickets for the performance. The theatre has been reserved on Saturday evening, February 16, 2008. The approximate costs to the City for the concert are \$725 for technical support, house manager, and box office, plus an additional \$275 for printing of tickets and concert programs.

TSgt. Hanrahan has indicated that the USAF will be contacting several newspapers and the Public Affairs office at Los Angeles Air Force Base for help

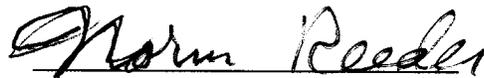
with the promotion of this event. TSgt. Hanrahan hopes that scheduling the Concert on the "President's Day" holiday weekend will draw an expansive audience.

### **ANALYSIS**

The Band of the Golden West will provide a free, 90-minute concert to the members of the Community. The music featured will be a variety of pop, classical, and patriotic, with some speaking in between genres.

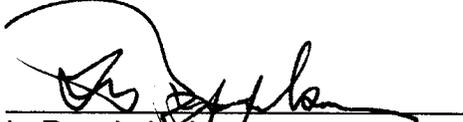
On March 19th, 2007, the Community Services Department hosted a similar concert for the United States Air Force Woodwind Quintet, an event that drew approximately 286 audience members. With the support of the City Council, the Community Services Department can provide a wonderful concert to the community while supporting the United States Air Force and its Band of the Golden West. Based on the City's history of supporting the Armed Forces, the Acting Community Services Director recommends that City Council approve this event.

Respectfully submitted,



Norm Reeder  
Acting Community Services Director

CONCUR:

  
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LeRoy J. Jackson  
City Manager

Attachment: A) Letter from TSgt. Thomas Hanrahan



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BAND OF THE GOLDEN WEST (AMC)  
TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA



1 Nov 07

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Travis AFB, CA 94535

Mr. Norm Reeder  
Acting Community Services Director – City of Torrence  
3031 Torrence Blvd  
Torrence, CA 90503

Mr. Reeder,

The United States Air Force Band of the Golden West requests a rental fee waiver for use of the James R. Armstrong Theater for a free public concert on February 16, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature the full concert band performing a wide variety of musical styles including classical, Broadway, marches, and other patriotic music.

Our organization is non-profit and the concert will be free and open to the public. If this waiver is approved, we will be contacting several newspapers and the Public Affairs office at Los Angeles Air Force Base for help with advertising. Combined with the "President's Day" holiday weekend, we think this will draw a large crowd.

If there are any questions regarding this, please contact me at (707) 424-0196.

Sincerely,

TSgt Thomas Hanrahan  
Concert Band Operations Rep.

RICHARD M. MENCH, JR. Major, USAF  
Commander