

Council Meeting of  
August 10, 2010

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

**Members of the Council:**

**SUBJECT: Appropriation of Cultural Arts Center fund balance for sound equipment at the James R. Armstrong Theatre.**

**Expenditure: \$38,500**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council approve an appropriation of \$38,500 from the Cultural Arts Center fund balance, to be used for sound equipment at the James R. Armstrong Theatre.

**FUNDING**

Funding is available in the Cultural Arts Center Enterprise Fund Balance.

**BACKGROUND**

After more than twelve months of repair and successive deterioration, the primary sound control board in the Armstrong Theatre has reached an unreliable level of service. As this model has been in operation in the Theatre for over nine years, its expected lifespan under heavy use and its dated technology have largely contributed to the board's current condition.

The purchase of a new sound board with associated components and system upgrades is not only paramount to the ongoing success of performances at the Armstrong, but will also achieve improved levels of technical functionality. Through these expanded resources, clients in the Armstrong Theatre will have the potential for greater flexibility and a higher level of audio sophistication. This includes conversion to a digital environment, a vastly increased number of channels, and programming options that could help reduce preproduction time and labor costs for regular theatre users.

**ANALYSIS**

Due to the nature of theatrical equipment used at the Cultural Arts Center, lump sum expenditures are often required at the time of purchase and replacement. However, it is expected that these one-time costs will provide long term improvements to the theatre's technical systems. Pending approval of funding, the following is a schedule of proposed equipment:

Theatre Sound Board and Related Components	<u>\$38,500</u>
Total	\$38,500

Respectfully Submitted,

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