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Subject re:City Council Agenda item #34 for the 11/18 meeting

Larry Herrera and City Council Members,

I received word today via email, that item # 34 on the agenda for tomorrow night, concerning increasing the number of Park Rangers from five to nine, will be discussed. This is a good idea, because we could definitely use more. **HOWEVER**..... there "must" be another way to **FINANCE** this addition of protection for those that visit our Parks..

I understand that a list of suggested cuts to the Parks & Recreation Dept has been created as a way to pay for the new rangers. My concern is with two of these suggestions. 1- To eliminate the Long Beach Junior Concert Band, should definitely be crossed off of the list. Why oh Why should anyone even "suggest" eliminating this fine group of young people ?? They are so very busy practicing and performing, they have no time to get into much mischief. **PLEASE do NOT eliminate this activity for our youth.**

Suggestion # 2 that I understand is on the "list" is Our Veterans Day Parade. We have attended this parade from the beginning, I believe this year was number eleven. It is very important to remember those that were and are willing to give of their time and/or life to make mine safe and comfortable. My Father, Brothers, Father-in-Law, Husband, Son, Daughter were in the Service. My Husband was a POW in Korea for three years – He rode in the parade one year. My six year old Grandson and I look forward to attending the Parade together each year. This is a good time to discuss how very important and how Blessed we are to live in a country that FREE and how IMPORTANT it is !

PLEASE HELP US TO CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THOSE TO THANK FOR OUR "FREEDOM"
PLEASE do not cut our Parade from the budget" .

I realize that the money must come from "somewhere" however, the programs for our YOUTH are VERY IMPORTANT. Please fine it somewhere else.

Thank you for listening,

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