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Office of Dee Andrews
Council Member, Sixth District
Memorandum

Date: December 7, 2010

To: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

From: Suja Lowenthal, Vice Mayor *SL*
Patrick O'Donnell, Councilmember Fourth District *PO*
Dee Andrews, Councilmember Sixth District *DA*

Subject: **AGENDA ITEM:** Cambodia Disaster Relief

DISCUSSION

On November 22, 2010, just outside of Phnom Penh, Cambodia, thousands of people came together to celebrate the annual Water Festival, when participants were struck by a panic induced stampede that killed 351 and injured over 750 people. Turning the most joyful events in the Cambodian calendar into tragedy.

The Water Festival in Cambodia takes place each year in November, at the time of the full moon, and is the most extravagant and exuberant festival in the Khmer calendar, outdoing even the New Year celebrations. The disaster is thought to have started at around 10:00 pm, on the third and final day of the Water festival, which is estimated to attract a third of the country's population of 14 million.

The current population of Cambodians in the City of Long Beach is the largest outside of Phnom Penh. Many of our residents' relatives attended the Water Festival, yet confirmation of injuries have not been reported.

Due to the number of deaths and injuries relief efforts have been setup by the Long Beach chapter of People to People International (PTPI). We encourage Long Beach residents to assist those in need by donating online at WWW.PTPI.ORG or you can send a check to the local chapter made payable :

PTPI Long Beach Chapter Tax Exempt ID: 32-0307183

1305 Raymond Ave, Suite C, Long Beach, CA 90804.

For more information, please contact: Ms. Thary Ung, Coordinator Cell (626)383-7559 or email: Thary_ung@yahoo.com OR Mr. Anthony Kim, Assistant Coordinator Cell (626)261-0765 or email anthonyimex1@aol.com

Recommendation:

It is respectfully requested that the Long Beach City Council receive and file the Cambodia Water Festival Disaster and adopt a motion encouraging residents to support the Long Beach Chapter of People to People International Disaster Relief in support of the disaster victims.



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REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: December 2, 2010
To: Larry Herrera, City Clerk
From: Dee Andrews, Councilmember Sixth District
Subject: Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of December 7, 2010

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

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Council District	Authorizing Councilmember	Signed by
2	SUJA LOWENTHAL	<i>Suja Lowenthal</i>
4	Patrick O'Donnell	<i>Patrick O'Donnell</i>
6	Dee Andrews	<i>D. Andrews</i>

Attachment: Staff Report dated December 7, 2010

CC: Office of the Mayor