



Date: November 19, 2018

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Patrick H. West, City Manager 

Subject: **Update on Low Volume/Street Performer Pilot Program and Outdoor Entertainment Noise**

At its June 20, 2017 meeting, the City Council requested that a study be conducted by the Special Events and Filming (SEF) Office into the viability of employing a Street Performer Program and a Low Volume Music Venue Program. Since the initial request, a significant amount of research has been conducted, which has included meetings with leaders of the City's Business Improvement Districts. At its April 27, 2018 meeting, the City Council also requested that staff address the impact of amplified sound from City-permitted events on residents. Since a sound level component was already inherently being studied as part of the Street Performer Program and a Low Volume Music Venue Program, it was decided to address the new study concurrently.

SEF staff has traveled to other cities, and has met with counterparts to learn how they have implemented and managed their programs. In June 2018, a pilot program was implemented to assess various policies and practices prior to making final recommendations. SEF staff continues to make progress on this study, but requires additional time to meet with other staff/departments for their input/feedback. Staff expects to bring its recommendations to the City Council for consideration in February 2019.

Thank you for your support and patience in this very important effort.

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