June 11, 2013

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, California 94901

SUBJECT: Request to Adopt a Resolution and Conduct a 1st Reading of an Ordinance To Implement Dress Code Policy for the Marin County Fair

Dear Supervisors,

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that your Board:

1. Adopt a Resolution to Implement Dress Code Policy for the annual Marin County Fair.
2. Set the matter for public hearing and conduct first reading of the proposed Dress Code Policy for the Marin County Fair ordinance on June 11, 2013.
3. Set the proposed Dress Code Policy for the Marin County Fair for a merit hearing and adoption on June 18, 2013.

SUMMARY: The Department of Cultural and Visitor Services – with the support of County Counsel and the Marin County Sheriff’s Department – requests that your Board adopt the resolution to implement Dress Code Policy and conduct a 1st reading of an ordinance doing the same for the Marin County Fair.

Due to the urgency of this matter, we are requesting that your Board adopt both the resolution and ordinance. This ordinance is an urgency ordinance and would go into effect upon your adoption. As for the basis for considering this an urgent matter, this request is done pursuant to Government Code Section 25123(d). Specifically, we have reason to believe that a particular criminal street gang may be interested in attending the Marin County Fair this July while displaying street insignia, and history, both here and elsewhere, shows that when a street gang "flies its colors", this often results in rival street gangs engaging in physical altercations.

In order for this ordinance to go into effect prior to the 2013 Marin County Fair, your Board will need to pass this ordinance by a four-fifths (4/5) majority vote. We believe adoption of this resolution and ordinance would be a prudent action to provide Marin County Fair guests a safe and welcoming experience during the county fair, July 3 through 7.
FISCAL/STAFFING IMPACT: Funding for the staffing of the Marin County Sheriff’s Department is available in the current Marin County Fair budget.

REVIEWED BY:  
[X] County Administrator  [ ] N/A  
[ ] Department of Finance  [ ] N/A  
[X] County Counsel  [ ] N/A  
[ ] Human Resources  [ ] N/A

Respectfully Submitted,

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