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Executive Director

October 20, 2015

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING 56th ANNUAL LOS ANGELES  
COUNTY HOLIDAY CELEBRATION  
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

56th ANNUAL LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Approve the proposed 56th Annual Los Angeles County Holiday Celebration program to be held Thursday, December 24, 2015 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Music Center's Dorothy Chandler Pavilion and authorize the Executive Director to make changes in programming that may be necessary due to production requirements.
2. Direct the Executive Director to implement all production aspects of the live and televised programs and to sign the necessary agreements with the broadcasting TV station, the television broadcast production company, and others as necessary.
3. Direct Classic Parking to make free parking available to participants and attendees in the Music Center garage all day on December 24th. Appropriate signage regarding free parking should be posted at all entrances to the Music Center garage. Free parking is also needed in the Music Center garage during show rehearsals from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 5 and equipment load-in throughout the week of December 20 through 23 from 7:00 a.m. to midnight, as well as during load-out for crew, approximately December

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

9 October 20, 2015

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PATRICK OBAWA  
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

26 through 28. On each of the abovementioned dates, Lot 17 should also be available to accommodate overflow and oversized vehicle parking.

4. Request the Music Center to make arrangements with the Music Center caterer to insure that Kendall's Brasserie and the Spotlight Café will be open for business throughout the duration of the program. Also, request that the food/beverage kiosks located inside the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion be open during the program and offer concessions appropriate in cost and menu for the anticipated audience.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The first annual holiday program was held on December 24, 1959 and has been an ongoing community tradition for the past 55 years.

At their meeting on September 21, 2015, the Arts Commissioners approved the proposed roster of participants. The proposed roster (Attachment A) is presented to your Board each year in compliance with a motion approved by your Board on July 12, 1983. Approval at this time is necessary to complete the program production.

Performers are selected through a competitive application process. This year 59 applications were received. The show will run three hours with 21 groups performing on stage. Of these artist groups 48% will be on the program for the first time and 24% will feature youth performers. Altogether this year's program will feature nearly 550 performers.

Selection criteria was based upon:

- Artistic excellence within a performance discipline/age category
- Suitability of the performance material to a multi-cultural, multi-denominational holiday themed program
- Suitability of the performance for the 2,600 seat Dorothy Chandler Pavilion and the technical capability of the production
- Ability of performing group representatives to meet all deadlines and to work cooperatively with other organizations and production staff

The live audience for the Annual Holiday Celebration has ranged from 5,000 to almost 10,000 in past years. In order to mitigate crowds that may not be able to see the show in person, a large monitor system will be set on the Music Center Plaza so that those unable to be seated in the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion will be able to view the show.

This year the live theatrical show is expected to take place from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on December 24th. The show will be broadcast live on local television station PBS SoCal with additional airings of the show during primetime hours. The Holiday Celebration's television broadcast reaches an estimated half million viewers across Southern California. In 2014, the program was re-broadcast four times.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The proposed recommended action furthers the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3), by providing free, high quality community programming to Los Angeles County residents.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Funds to produce the program have been approved by your Board as part of the Arts Commission's budget for FY 15-16, which includes a \$576,000 allocation from the General Fund and an appropriation from the Cable TV Franchise Fund in the amount of \$332,000. Additionally, the Music Center contributes \$15,000 to the program and there is no fee for the use of the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. The American Federation of Television & Radio Artists waives 20% of the professional singers' and dancers' day rate and the International Association of Technical & Stage Employees and Professional Musicians Local 47 waive fees for the local television broadcast on December 24th.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Not applicable.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Approval of this program continues a time-honored Los Angeles County tradition that brings our diverse communities together through a common cultural experience. Whether viewing the production in person or on television, the program creates a sense of inter-connectivity by giving residents a kaleidoscopic view of the cultures, expressions, and traditions celebrated throughout the region during the holidays.

Respectfully submitted,



LAURA ZUCKER  
Executive Director

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Enclosures

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors  
County Counsel  
The Music Center  
ISD Parking Services

## **Los Angeles County Arts Commission**

### **Proposed 2015 56th Annual Los Angeles County Holiday Celebration Artists**

\*indicates groups that are new to the program

**Albert McNeill Jubilee Singers** will return to the program to perform a repertoire of Negro spirituals. (Officed in District 4, District/s served: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

**Arturo Sandoval**, legendary Cuban jazz trumpet player accompanied by his world renowned band will return to the program to perform a medley of holiday songs. (Officed in District 3, District/s served: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

**BODYTRAFFIC**,\* a contemporary dance company based in Long Beach, will present an ensemble piece titled "o2joy" capturing the spirit of the holiday season. (Officed in District 4, District/s Served: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

**Citrus Singers**,\* a 40 member voice and handbell ensemble from Citrus College, will debut on the Holiday Celebration to perform Christmas carols featuring handbells. (Officed in District 5, District served: 5)

**Colburn School Choir**, a 50 member voice ensemble of the Colburn School of Performing Arts, will perform a medley of holiday songs. (Officed in District: 1, District/s Served: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

**Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles** will return to the program with traditional holiday repertoire. (Officed in District: 3, District/s Served: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

**Invertigo Dance Theatre** will perform a holiday piece inspired by a remixed version of the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairies. (Officed in District 2, District/s served: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

**Korean American Youth Performing Artists**\* will perform a celebratory Korean drum dance with 22 performers. (Officed in District: 4, District/s Served: 4)

**Los Angeles Young Adult Choir of Gospel Music Workshop**\*, a 24-member voice ensemble, will perform gospel renditions of holiday songs. (Officed in District 2, District served: 2)

**Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles**, an all women ensemble of 12 musicians, will return to the program with a traditional mariachi performance. (Officed in District 1, District/s Served: 1, 2, 3).

**Mount San Antonio College Chamber Singers**\*, a 38-member voice ensemble will perform a medley of traditional holiday songs. (Officed in District 1, District/s Served: 1)

**Mountainside Master Chorale** will present classic holiday carols. (Officed in District 1, District/s served: 1, 4).

**Mo Forro**\* will perform a medley of holiday selections in the Brazilian forro style. (Officed in District 2, District/s Served: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

**Mostly Kosher\*** will mark their first appearance on Holiday Celebration with a Hanukah song infused with a calypso beat. (Officed in District 3, District/s Served: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

**Pacifico Dance Company** will present folklorico dance from the region of Chihuahua, Mexico. (Officed in District: 2, District/s Served: 1, 2, 3)

**Palmdale High School Choral Union and Sunday Night Singers**, a 45-member chorus from the Antelope Valley, will present traditional holiday repertoire. (Officed in District: 5, District/s Served: 1, 2, 3, 5)

**Run River North\*** will debut on the show interpreting traditional holiday music in a folk style. (Officed in District 3, District/s served: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

**Salvation Army Tabernacle Children's Chorus**, the largest and youngest choir on the program is known for their "choralography" and light-hearted holiday songs. (Officed in District 5, District/s Served: 1, 2, 3, 5)

**San Gabriel Valley Children's Chorus\***, a 22 member voice ensemble, will debut on the Holiday Celebration performing music from Taiwan which celebrates the gathering of children during the holidays. (Officed in District 5, District/s served: 1, 5)

**Shin Dance Company** will perform a celebratory fan dance to Chinese folk music. (Officed in District: 5, Districts/s Served: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

**SK Kakraba Band\*** will perform traditional Ghanaian songs featuring SK Kakraba on the Ghanian xylophone. (Officed in District: 1, District/s Served: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)