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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jimmy Morales, City Manager

FROM: Michael Góngora, Commissioner

DATE: August 28, 2013

SUBJECT: Referral Item for September 11 Commission Meeting

Please place on the September 11 Commission Meeting a referral to the Neighborhood Committee to discuss the Disability Access Committee's motion in regards to alternative leaf blowers. Please see motion attached. If you have any questions please feel free to contact my aide Diana Fontani at ext 6087.

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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

268-2013

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: July 31, 2013

SUBJECT: Disability Access Committee Motion – Alternative LEAF BLOWER

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to provide you with correspondence received from the Disability Access Committee regarding the above subjects.

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Disability Access Committee

David New, Chairman
Sabrina Cohen, Vice-Chairman

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: David New, Disability Access Committee Chair

Members:

Andrew Feuerstein
Barbara Gotlinski
Elaine Litvak
Helen Swartz
David McCauley
Lawrence Fuller
Lee Weiss
Russell Hartstein
Susan Solman
Susana Maroder
Wendy Unger

DATE: July 31, 2013

SUBJECT: Disability Access Committee Motion

Dear Mayor and Honorable City Commission:

The Disability Access Committee met on July 16, 2013 and passed the below motion regarding alternative leaf blowers.

The Disability Access Committee we would like to inform our concerns regarding the use of gas-powered leaf blowers.

The problems being:

1. Noise pollution.
2. Air pollution (they gasoline powered).
3. Disorienting and dangerous for someone who is visually impaired, for example those who are visionally impaired cannot hear oncoming traffic.
4. Disruptive to service animals.

The Disability Access Committee is recommending the use of *electric "whisper quiet" core power leaf blowers.*

As an Advisory Committee, we sincerely ask that consideration be given to the above motion.

Sincerely,

Disability Access Committee

cc; Sustainability Committee

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