STAFF REPORT City of Lancaster

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Date: February 10, 2015

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Ronda Perez, Director of Parks, Recreation and Arts

Subject: Thunder on the Lot - Special Event

Recommendation:

Approve the appropriation of \$45,000 to Account No. 101-4688-222 to fund the City of Lancaster's portion of the partnership with Kids Charities to host the 21st annual *Thunder on the Lot* at Lancaster City Park on June 27 and 28, 2015.

Fiscal Impact:

\$45,000; to be reimbursed from event proceeds, Account No. 101-3402-752.

Background:

Kids Charities serves over 25 local children's charitable organizations each year with money raised at various community activities. Through fundraisers and events, more than \$4 million dollars has been raised for children of the Antelope Valley since 1995.

The City of Lancaster, in conjunction with Kids Charities, will be presenting the 21st annual *Thunder on the Lot* on June 27 and 28, 2015 at Lancaster City Park. This historically successful event features a motorcycle show, custom, classic and import car show, live entertainment and much more, and raises funds for local children's charities.

The agreement between Kids Charities and the City of Lancaster ensures that all City funds expended for this event will be appropriately reimbursed. Kids Charities will be responsible for all of the hard costs associated with *Thunder on the Lot*, while the City's contribution will be primarily staffing. Should unexpected costs arise over and above what is currently anticipated, the City and Kids Charities have committed to provide reimbursement of these on a case by case basis.

The collaboration between Kids Charities and the City of Lancaster allows for additional funds to be raised for disadvantaged children throughout the Antelope Valley. This partnership will enhance the community's efforts to help children in need.

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