

**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Lancaster**

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Date: January 10, 2017

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Ronda Perez, Parks, Recreation and Arts Director

Subject: **Sergeant Steve Owen Benefit Concert**

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**Recommendation:**

Approve waiving rental and labor fees associated with the use of the Lancaster Performing Arts Center for a concert scheduled on February 12, 2017 at 6 PM; all proceeds shall benefit the Sergeant Steve Owen Fund and the High Desert Fallen Heroes Fund.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The fees associated with the benefit concert are estimated to be approximately \$9,300.

**Background:**

Leo Stallworth, ABC television news reporter, and Greg Mack are organizing and promoting an event featuring headliner Zapp and two additional musical groups as show openers. One hundred VIP tickets will be made available for \$200 and 650 seats will be available at \$98. VIP admission includes exclusive use of Zelda's 750 West, dinner provided by Fresco II, a meet and greet with the featured artist and front of house seats. All proceeds from the evening's event will benefit the Sergeant Steve Owen Fund and the High Desert Fallen Heroes Fund.

The funds for Sergeant Owen will be delivered to his wife Tania via the Star & Shield Foundation. Sgt. Steve Owen was murdered in the line of duty October 5, 2016 while responding to a burglary call in West Lancaster. The Star & Shield Foundation was established in 2001 to support family members of peace officers killed in the line of duty. Since then, the Foundation has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to support worthy organizations and causes. The most important of their missions is providing assistance to the families of fallen officers.

Funds will also go to support the High Desert Fallen Heroes Fund. Each October, the organization conducts a 50 mile motorcycle ride to support local fallen heroes and their families. This past October their 14<sup>th</sup> annual ride attracted over 200 participants. All donations to the High Desert Fallen Heroes Fund support surviving families of fallen officers from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol, California Department of Corrections, the Los Angeles County Fire Department, and the United States Forest Service (Angeles National Forest).

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