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The Honorable Mayor Steven R. Jones
City of Garden Grove
P.O. Box 3070
Garden Grove, CA 92842

Dear Mayor Jones and Garden Grove City Council Members:

This year our Garden Grove Unified School District Don Wash Auditorium has been closed to all GGUSD schools due to modernization. This theater is where the various Performing Arts within the school district hold their concerts, performances, festivals, programs, and various events.

As the Choir Director at Garden Grove High School, I would like to request the City Council to waive the rental fees for the use of the Strawberry Bowl Amphitheater on June 7-8-9, 2017 to be used as the performance venue for our Annual Pop's Choir Concert. This event attracts our student body, the surrounding schools that feed into GGHS, as well as the friends and family members within the community. This year our theme is Broadway and the production requires a stage, back stage area, green room, professional lighting, professional sound, and substantial room for an audience.

This performance is the highlight of the student's school year. It is the one they look forward to the most because it is the performance that they get to have the most creative and collaborative input through the developing of the theme, songs, choreography, costume's/performance attire, staging, and design. It is an incredible opportunity for these talented young people.

The Annual Pop's Concert is also our largest fundraising where we strive to raise money for the choir program here at Garden Grove. The money we raise allows us to expand the educational opportunity of our students through exposing them to various choir festivals and competitions. It also helps to pay for our music, concert attire, festival entrance fees, music equipment, choir awards and trophies, accompanist fee's, among other needs.

We would be especially grateful to receive your approval for the use of the Strawberry Bowl Amphitheater as this venue would allow us to continue a long-standing production in which the students, families, and community are accustomed to participating in.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads 'Kari Galeener'.

Kari Galeener
Choir Director and Department Chair
Garden Grove High School