## HỘI THỦY QUÂN LỰC CHIẾN NAM CALIFORNIA

THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE MARINES VETERAN CHARITIES ASSOCIATION
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## **Venue-Donation Request Letter**

May 30, 2019

Mayor Steve Jones and Council Members City of Garden Grove

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

The South Vietnamese Marines Veteran Charities Association has been serving as the administrative sponsor of the Mid-Autumn Children's Festival, organized by the Coordinating Committee of Vietnamese American Youth Organizations at Atlantis Play Center since 2017. This year, we are planning to host the festival on Saturday, September 7, 2019. In hope of providing a safe environment for children and families, we are requesting the use of the Atlantis Play Center and are seeking the City Council's consideration to co-sponsoring this event. Should the City Council approve our fee waiver request, we are prepared to absorb 5% of the venue cost as in the past.

The Mid-Autumn Children's Festival is a cultural holiday in Vietnam, which celebrates family with an emphasis centered around children, hence the name. It's also known as the Harvest Moon Festival or Mid-Autumn Festival, which is rooted in many Asian cultures, celebrating the harvest season and family reunion. Our goal of hosting this event in Garden Grove is to provide an opportunity for all families across diverse communities to come together to promote cross-cultural understanding and celebrate our youth. The City of Garden Grove is known as the city of "Youth and Ambition", and we hope that you will consider supporting this event. We anticipate 500-800 attendees on a rolling basis and the the event is free and open to families with children, featuring activities such as arts and crafts; cultural performances; lion dance; games; contests; and free lanterns.

The Coordinating Committee of Vietnamese American Youth Organizations is a network aimed at facilitating the collaborations among different youth-serving groups in the community in order to promote friendship, mutual understanding, and community service. Current members and community partners include: Cao Dai Youth Association, Vietnamese Young Marines, Phan Boi Chau Youth Association, Buddhist Youth Association, Union of Vietnamese Student Associations of Southern California, and various Vietnamese Scouting organizations.

We look forward to partnering with the city of Garden Grove. If you have any questions, please contact me at (714) 713-4659 or Christy Le, (714) 588-3149, <a href="mailto:christy.linhle@gmail.com">christy.linhle@gmail.com</a>. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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President