

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Holmes, Supervisor, District 3

DATE: June 9, 2009

SUBJECT: REVENUE SHARING – Approve appropriation of \$200 in Revenue Sharing monies to the Auburn Symphony to benefit the Senior Outreach and Youth Concert programs, as requested by Supervisor Holmes (\$200).

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve appropriation of \$200 in Revenue Sharing monies to the Auburn Symphony to benefit the Senior Outreach and Youth Concert programs, as requested by Supervisor Holmes (\$200).

BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS: In approving the following contributions, the Placer County Board of Supervisors finds that each and every approved contribution serves a public purpose by promoting the general welfare of the County and its inhabitants therefore a benefit results to the County.

The Board of Supervisors is being asked to approve appropriations to help support the Auburn Symphony. The Auburn Symphony has been recognized as one of the best community orchestras in the nation with their diverse group of community volunteers dedicated to promoting classical music in the Auburn and surrounding areas. The Auburn Symphony has grown to include the Senior Outreach and Elementary Education program, the School Assembly program, the Summer Library program, as well as the Auburn Youth Symphony, Symphony Goes to School and the KinderKonzert programs. The funds designated towards this organization will help defray costs to operate the Symphony, as well as the outreach programs they offer.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are available in the Revenue Sharing budget.



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An invitation from Maestro Michael Goodwin

April 28, 2009

Dear Jim and Pat Holmes,

At the State of the Community Dinner on Friday, April 17th, I had the honor of presenting the Cultural Award to Jennifer Keck, Executive Director of the Auburn Symphony. I was deeply touched by your warmth of response and your attentiveness when I was speaking. When I mentioned that the current economy has seriously compromised the financial status of the orchestra, Norma Harris immediately wrote a check for \$1000, and challenged other individuals and companies present at the dinner to do the same. This was quickly matched by Kathy Sands, former Mayor of Auburn, and then Kathleen Harris committed to another \$1000 from their company, Harris Industrial Gases.

While we are organizing several fund-raising events and doing all we can to reduce the budget, the Auburn Symphony still needs donations to help survive these difficult economic times, which are especially challenging for non-profit arts organizations. I am therefore writing to ask you to consider matching the generosity of Norma Harris, Kathy Sands, and Kathleen Harris; or if this is not possible, to make a donation of any amount to the Symphony.

I also hope you will be able to attend our last concert of the season, on Tuesday, May 12th at 7pm in the Placer High School Auditorium, Agard Street. This was to have been our Music On The Green outdoor concert in the Library Garden Amphitheater, but by bringing the event indoors, we are able to save thousands of dollars in expenses. The attractive program, a mixture of 'pops' and classics, includes Handel's *Music for the Royal Fireworks*, *The King and I*, *A Tribute to the Big Bands*, and *Star Wars*. The Auburn Symphony will also share the stage with the Sierra Gold Chorus and the Placer High School Jazz Band. In addition, the Auburn Symphony will raffle one of my batons, with the opportunity to conduct the orchestra in *Stars and Stripes Forever!*

Despite financial uncertainty, I have planned a season of wonderful masterpieces for 2009-2010, including an all-Tchaikovsky concert featuring the *Pathetique* Symphony and the Violin Concerto, Beethoven's *Emperor* Piano Concerto, Mendelssohn's *Hebrides* Overture and *Scottish* Symphony (2009 marks the 200th anniversary of his birth), Mussorgsky's *Pictures of an Exhibition*, Brahms' *Academic Festival* Overture, and at Mondavi: Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade*. In addition, we aim to continue our schools concerts (18 last season) and senior outreach programs.

Your Auburn Symphony is truly a jewel of the community, performing at the highest level of volunteer orchestras, and has often been favorably compared with fully professional ensembles. I invite you to help ensure the continuation of the orchestra, and also to encourage you, especially if you have not yet heard us, to attend our performances. I can promise you an uplifting evening of the finest music.

With warm regards,

Michael Goodwin
Maestro Michael Goodwin
Musical Director and Conductor

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