

June 17, 2011

Mayor William Dalton City of Garden Grove PO Box 3070 Garden Grove, CA 92840

Re: Vietnam War Museum of America Foundation

Mayor Dalton and City Council:

It was almost one year ago, August 2010, that the Garden Grove City Council directed staff to work with the City Attorney to establish a non-profit foundation that would allow for the establishment of a Vietnam War Museum of America Foundation (VNWMA). Since that time, the VNWMA Foundation has established itself as a non-profit organization and has filed the necessary paperwork to receive its tax-exempt status.

The Foundation has been working diligently to establish itself, not only as a federally approved non-profit organization, but also as an organization that has regional and national recognition. To that end, the VNWMA Foundation has scheduled the Moving Wall, as well as a Museum dinner fundraiser during the month of October.

The cost to bring the Moving Wall to the site has been privately funded by Griffin Structures, Inc., but the Foundation has start-up expenses that, at present, exceed the funds available. The VNWMA Foundation is requesting that the City Council approve a request of \$20,000 from the Cultural Arts Fund to be used toward the Foundation's fundraising efforts. Those funds will be used to complete the formation of the Foundation and assist with the fundraising events that are planned in October.

The VNWMA Foundation greatly appreciates the support of the City Council and its desire to see a permanent museum established within the City of Garden Grove.

Lt. General Bailey McCune

Foundation President

Approved for Agenda Listing

Matthew Ferta