



# City Council Memorandum

*City of Arts & Innovation*

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**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL                      DATE: APRIL 10, 2018**

**FROM: COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT                      WARDS: ALL**

**SUBJECT: SITE LICENSE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY RIVERSIDE AND OVER THE EDGE GLOBAL, INC. TO CONDUCT THE THIRD ANNUAL OVER-THE-EDGE RAPPELLING EVENT AT RIVERSIDE CITY HALL**

**ISSUE:**

Approve Site License Memorandum of Understanding with Habitat for Humanity Riverside and Over the Edge Global, Inc. of Duluth, Georgia in order to permit these organizations to use Riverside City Hall as the site for their Third Annual Over-the-Edge Rappelling Event on June 1 and 2, 2018.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Site License Memorandum of Understanding with Habitat for Humanity Riverside and Over the Edge Global, Inc. in order to permit these organizations to use Riverside City Hall as the site for their Third Annual Over-the-Edge Rappelling Event on June 1 and 2, 2018; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Memorandum of Understanding and make minor, non-substantive changes.

**BACKGROUND:**

Last year Habitat for Humanity Riverside (HFHR) and Over the Edge (OTE) held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Over the Edge Challenge for the first time at Riverside City Hall. Due to the success of the event and the collaboration between the City, HFHR and OTE, the event will be returning. On June 1 and 2, 2018, HFHR chapter is proposing to hold the Third Annual Over the Edge challenge, a fundraising event, at Riverside City Hall. The event aims to raise \$100,000 to benefit HFHR's three year plan to provide veterans homes and services. HFHR is currently in the process of building 30 homes in Riverside and Jurupa Valley and is working to help veterans transition back into civilian life using art therapy, offering career counseling, providing college pathways for children of veterans, and teaching financial literacy and computer program skills.

Over the Edge Global, Inc. (OTE) is the organization that will organize and oversee the Over-the-Edge building rappelling event. OTE will provide a team of professionals certified by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Society of Professional Rope Access Technicians.

**DISCUSSION:**

City Staff has met with the appropriate staff from HFHR and OTE to discuss safety and event logistics. Specifically, participants will rappel from the Grier Pavilion down to Main Street Riverside. The Site License Memorandum of Understanding defines roles and responsibilities for the event. OTE organizers are required to provide security rigging, helmets and a brief demonstration of how to rappel, stage two experts at the top and bottom of the building to guide the participant and control his or her speed and pace.

The City will prepare the location, which may require removal of glass along the southern edge of the Grier Pavilion. HFHR will pay for the cost to remove and replace glass if needed. City Staff and security will be onsite at all times before and during the event. The cost for this staff time will be paid by HFHR through the Grier Application and Use Procedures.

Habitat for Humanity Riverside is part of a global, nonprofit housing organization. Habitat for Humanity Riverside is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally through construction, rehabilitating and preserving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help family's improve their shelter conditions. HFHR was founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, durable place to live in dignity and safety, and that decent communities should be a matter of conscience and action for all.

Over the Edge Global produces signature events for non-profit organizations anywhere in North America and throughout the world. Business leaders, individuals and community members are invited to raise donations in exchange for the experience of rappelling from a building. The mission of Over the Edge Global is to create a legacy with a 10 year goal to help non-profit organizations throughout North America raise 50 million dollars. To date, the organization has helped to raise over 75 million dollars through 700 events and 52,000 participants.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no general fund fiscal impact associated with this report. Habitat for Humanity Riverside will cover the cost associated with the event, as discussed above.

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Attachments: Site License Memorandum of Understanding