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CITY OF IRVINE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Memo

· To:

City Manager

City Clerk

From:

Steven Choi <

Date:

November 5, 2013

Re:

KITLA Garden

As you know, the Korean Institute of Landscape Architecture (KITLA) has proposed creating a traditional Korean garden for the City of Irvine on approximately one-acre of land in Col. Bill Barber Park. In making this proposal, KITLA will assume all construction costs for the garden, estimated at \$2.7 million.

After researching a number of US locations for this garden, KITLA selected Irvine because of the value we place on cultural diversity and our commitment to developing and maintaining an aesthetically pleasing city. Col. Bill Barber Park holds particular significance, because Col. Barber was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroism during the Korean War.

Please agendize this topic for a presentation and discussion at the November 12, 2013 City Council meeting.

CC:

City Council