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2012 Strike Out Hunger Food Drive (B)

The purpose of this agenda item is to request the City of Gainesville to co-sponsor and authorize staff participation in the 2012 Strike Out Hunger Food Drive for Gainesville/Alachua County.

In 2011, the City of Gainesville and its employees participated in the Strike Out Hunger Food Drive. The food drive was organized by then Alachua County Commissioner Rodney Long who requested the City's participation. The City of Gainesville has been a committed partner in the effort to reduce poverty in Gainesville/Alachua County for a number of years. In addition, the City has been a major partner in the creation and development of the Hunger Abatement Plan for Gainesville/Alachua County. The Strike Out Hunger Food Drive collects food and donations to restock food pantries throughout Gainesville/Alachua County for needy families. Without the annual food drive, many of the local food pantries would run out of food during one of the most critical times of the year, which is the holiday season. Therefore; the Long Foundation, Inc. (hereinafter called the Foundation) is requesting the City's participation in the food drive.

In November 2011, the Strike Out Hunger Food Drive collected nearly 67,000 pounds of food for Gainesville/Alachua County. The food was distributed to non-profit organizations, faith-based organizations and food banks throughout the City and the County. Last year, the City co-sponsored the event, provided meeting spaces for the planning sessions, issued a proclamation and authorized staff to coordinate the event for City employees. The City of Gainesville employees collected over 1,160 pounds of food for last year's food drive. The Alachua County Commission and its staff coordinated the event for the county-wide food drive.

In 2012, the Foundation will be responsible for coordinating and providing the necessary resources to ensure the success of the county-wide food drive. The Foundation is inviting the City Commission to co-sponsor the event, requesting the City Manager to authorize staff to participate in the project, and to issue a proclamation at the October 8, 2012 City Commission meeting. Additionally, the Foundation would like to make a presentation at the Thursday, December 20, 2012 City Commission meeting regarding the outcomes of the 2012 Strike Out Hunger Food Drive, including recognition of the stakeholders and participants.

There is little or no cost to the City other than staff time for scheduling meeting rooms and food pick-up services. The food collected by the City's General Government employees last year was donated to the City's Gainesville's Little Ones (GLO) Program which provides food and gifts for needy families during the holiday season. The GLO Program food weight total was provided to the County to be included in the Strike Out Hunger Food Drive total weight.

At this time, there is little or no cost to the city other than staff time.

The City Commission approve the request to co-sponsor the Strike Out Hunger event for 2012 and authorize the City Manager to designate staff to assist with the event coordination.