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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 4, 2019
TO: Honorable Mayor, City Council members
FROM: Timothy A. Miller, City Administrator 
SUBJECT: Every 15 Minutes Street Closure – School Street

RECOMMENDATION: By motion, authorize the School Street closure as requested by Joseph Shields on behalf of the Sonora High School Every 15 Minutes Committee on the date to be announced subject to the conditions as identified below.

DISCUSSION: The Sonora High School Every 15 Minutes Committee has requested to close School Street between Washington and Snell Streets on a date to be announced, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM, for a staged crash scene for the Every 15 Minutes event restricted to the agency sponsors and student participants (see attached letter).

This request is recommended for approval subject to the following conditions:

- Obtain Special Event Permit for the street closure and provide public notice and posting as required
- Provide the required liability insurance
- Place "road closed" and/or "detour" signs as directed by the Public Works Department

04, February 2019

Dear Sonora City Council,

Did you know that traffic collisions are the leading cause of death among teenage youth? In fact, every fifteen minutes, someone in the United States is injured or killed in an alcohol-related incident. Sonora Union High School, in conjunction with the California Highway Patrol and the Office of Traffic Safety, is taking a proactive step in educating local high school students about making mature decisions when alcoholic beverages are involved. Sonora High, in cooperation with various city, county, state, and local community groups will host a program called Every 15 Minutes at Sonora High School on dates that have been listed on the permit request and we can not disclose to the public at this time.

Every 15 Minutes is a two-day program involving high school juniors and seniors which encourages them to think about personal safety when alcohol is involved. The program challenges them to make mature decisions and recognize that their actions affect others besides themselves. We would like to ask you for the permission to close West School Street on the predetermined date discussed so that we may stage our crash scene and have open access for only the agencies involved. The scene time, set-up and break down will take approximately 2 hours from 0820 to 1030. The E15 Council has arranged for personnel from agencies such as CHP, Sheriff's Dept, Sonora PD and City Fire to be present on scene during the activity. We would greatly appreciate your participation in allowing for the temporary road closure to facilitate this event.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Sonora High Schools Every 15 Minutes Committee