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**Speaker Registration/Testimony**

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**Meeting Date (\*)** 2015-06-03  
**Council/PH Committee (\*)** Council  
**Agenda Item (\*)** Grants in Aid Appendix B5  
**Your position on the matter (\*)** Support  
**Representing (\*)** Self  
**Organization** Surfrider Spirit Sessions  
**Do you wish to speak at the hearing? (\*)** No

**Written Testimony**

Members of the City Council: Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of the proposed amendment to the Grants In Aid Bill , Appendix B5 which provides much needed Grant in Aid funding to Surfrider Spirit Sessions, a 501©(3) non-profit that works with at-risk youth and adjudicated teens. I am a surf mentor (5 years) and advisory board member (2 years). I have personally witnessed the transformation that has occurred in many of our kids' lives as a direct result of this program. Mentorship provides positive role models and surfing provides a healthy and joyful outlet in the kids' lives (many of whom have experienced terrible trauma, entirely outside of their control). I have seen a positive response from almost every single youth that I have have observed in the program. I still keep in touch

with some, who have gone on to college, jobs, and family life. In addition to the statistics which may be provided by other board members, I wanted to add an account of my personal observations. I strongly support this amendment on the basis of personally witnessing the effectiveness of the program.  
Respectfully, Morgan Richie

**Testimony  
Attachment**

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