

INDIAN WELLS CITY COUNCIL

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To: City Council
From: Finance Department
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Subject: **Approval of Protective Netting Along the Southern Edge of the Driving Range**

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Council **APPROVES** the Installation of protective netting along the southern edge of the Driving Range.

BACKGROUND:

The General Manager of the Renaissance Esmeralda Hotel recently brought to the attention of their counterpart at the Indian Wells Golf Resort a concerning issue involving errant golf balls from the resort's driving range. These stray balls have been causing damage to parked vehicles in an adjacent parking lot owned by the Renaissance, situated just east of the hotel premises. The damages reported so far include dented vehicles and broken glass, prompting the hotel management to address the situation promptly.

Initially, the Renaissance Esmeralda Hotel managed to mitigate the impact of these incidents on their guests by handling the damages internally. However, recognizing the recurring nature of the problem, they have reached out to the Indian Wells Golf Resort, seeking collaborative solutions.

Following thorough discussions between representatives from Troon, which manages the Indian Wells Golf Resort, and the Renaissance, it was mutually agreed that the installation of specialized netting designed for golf courses and driving range operations would be the most effective measure to alleviate the issue of errant golf balls.

This proactive approach aims to significantly reduce the occurrence of stray balls, thereby preventing further damage to vehicles in the adjacent parking lot and ensuring the safety and satisfaction of both hotel guests and golf enthusiasts.

FISCAL IMPACT:

In the event that the Council decides to proceed with the proposed capital project, it will necessitate a supplemental appropriation. Troon management has diligently assessed the

capital acquisition and installation expenses in collaboration with several reputable firms, resulting in a total cost of \$45,000. Subject to approval, the funding for this initiative will be sourced from the City's Golf fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Netting Barrier proposal