

Merced City Council
678 West 18th Street
Merced, California 95340

RE: Permit for a Half Marathon Running Event, Sunday, October 16, 2016

Dear Esteemed Representatives,

Hello! We are excited to submit our application for permitting for the 2016 Merco Half Marathon and 5K. We cannot express enough gratitude for the support we received from the City of Merced in 2014 and 2015. We hope to continue this positive relationship as we move forward with next year's event.

In our attempt to continue to improving the event each year, the organizers of last years event have formed a non profit dedicated to the success of the event and supporting our community through donations. The Merced Athletic Corporation seeks to give back to local organizations, help students in creating scholarships and funding local athletic programs.

Our Event and the Goals:

The Merced Athletic Corporation is seeking approval and permitting for a half marathon and 5K running event in the City of Merced (only the Half Marathon course is within City limits). The run event will be hosted at the University of California, Merced, campus, beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 16, 2016. Our event website is located at <http://www.runningmerced.com>.

Our Permitting Needs and Proposal:

A map of the proposed course is attached, and the proposed road usage is as follows:

- (1) Bellevue Road (From Lake Road to M Street)
- (2) M Street (From Bellevue to Rascal Bike Path)
- (3) Rascal Bike Path through Rahilly Park (From M Street to McKee)
- (4) McKee Rd to Silverstone Dr. (Proceeding North on McKee and crossing to proceed East on Silverstone Drive)
- (5) Silverstone Dr. turning South onto Creekview Dr
- (6) Creekview Dr. to New Bike Path
- (7) New Bike Path Crossing Yosemite Dr. onto Vern Davis Bike Path

Water Stations, First Aid Stations, Porta Potties

There will be 7 aid stations providing water. Each aid station will have first-aid supplies and volunteers available for first-aid assistance. There will be a porta potty located at every aid station, with 2 porta potties at Aid Station #1. Additionally, there will be two roving course marshals to pick up runners at aid stations and return them to the start/finish if they are experiencing difficulties and cannot continue with the run, provide additional supplies to aid stations as needed, and monitor the course generally.

We will contract with Riggs Ambulance service; they will be located at the start/finish area. Our aid station captains will be charged with communicating with finish line staff and emergency personnel for injured runners at aid stations. Our course marshals will also be in communication with emergency personnel at start/finish and will provide assistance to non-emergency injuries that require transport from aid stations or anywhere along the course back to the start/finish line.

Volunteers & Traffic Control

We will be providing Community Volunteers over the age of 25 for traffic control as specified above. There will be a total of 20 over-age 25 community volunteers working traffic control in addition to MPD and explorer scouts. Pursuant to our venue contract with UCM, they will be providing 8 student workers, 1 UCM police officer, and custodial personnel. UCM requires that it be in charge of all traffic control on campus; UCM will also provide parking personnel, as well as provide for clean-up post event.

Our organization will contract with the Merced Police Department to coordinate traffic control and to provide officers to direct traffic at the busiest intersections where runners will be given the right-of-way.

(1) At the intersection of Bellevue Avenue and G Street

- a. We expect runners to arrive at this intersection as early as 7:50 a.m., with the bulk of participants through the intersection by 8:30 a.m.; pursuant to our 5-hour time cut-off, participants must be past the G and Bellevue intersection by 8:55 a.m. (mile 4 of the course)

(2) The intersection of M Street and Yosemite Avenue

- a. We expect runners to arrive at this intersection as early as 8:05 a.m., with the majority of participants through the intersection by 8:50 a.m.

(3) Where Rascal Bike Path intersects with McKee to move runners across McKee at Silverstone Dr.

- a. We expect runners to arrive at this intersection as early as 8:20 a.m., with the majority of participants through the intersection by 9:30 a.m.

(4) Where New Bike Path crosses Yosemite Ave onto Vern Davis Bike Path.

- a. We expect participants to arrive at this intersection as early as 8:25 a.m., with the majority of the field to be through the intersection by 10:00 a.m.

The course officially closes to participants at 12:30 p.m.; our course record holder ran the course in 1 hour and 12 minutes in 2015.

Street Closures

A rolling road closure will be used on the course as runners advance through the course. Closure devices are marked on the course maps above. We will be utilizing cones, volunteer flaggers, and a vehicle barricade on M street in advance of Rascal Bike Path to move cars to one lane of North-Bound M between Rascal Bike Path and Yosemite. Along G street (in advance of Bellevue Intersection), we will place lighted signage alerting traffic to detours and to slow for event in progress.

Set Up & Clean Up

Each aid station will have a captain who will be equipped with a vehicle to transport supplies; setup will begin at approximately 6:30 a.m. in each location. Aid Stations will supply tables and all aid station supplies. Porta potties will be dropped off starting at approximately 5:30 a.m. on Sunday at each aid station along the course.

Aid station captains will oversee clean-up of the aid station and surrounding area; porta potties will be removed starting at 11 a.m. on Bellevue and working around the course from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Porta potties will all be removed no later than 5 p.m. on race day.

We will provide a clean-up crew starting at 9:00 a.m. that will move over the entire course reopening it behind the last participant to ensure proper clean-up along the course-route and at aid stations, completing clean up by 5 p.m.

One course marshal will drive the course once the Half Marathon has closed to ensure that *all* barriers have been removed and the roadways used are completely reopened.

We will inform runners via email and at packet pick up as well as at race start line that they must deposit trash at an aid station and if they leave trash along the course away from an aid station, they will be subject to disqualification.

Community Notification

Merced Athletic Corporation intends to publish notices in both Merced County Times and Merced Sun Star of road closures. Additionally, notifications signs will be placed on the affected road a week before race day. Beyond public notices, Merced Athletic Corporations proposes a mailer to residents who live on a road that is affected by the race.

Insurance

Merced Athletic Corporation will name the City of Merced as an additional insured party under our policy. The policy will cover runners, volunteers and spectators.

We would be happy to speak with the City about our permitting request or any aspect of our 2016 event. Please contact Nicole Silveira at (209) 756-8435 or nicoleasilveira@gmail.com.

Thank you for your consideration,



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Attmt: Proposed Course Map