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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the West Hollywood City Council and the City's Russian Advisory Board, I would like to invite you to join us for a West Hollywood Fundraiser for Refugees from Ukraine in place of its annual Russian Arts and Culture Festival programming. The event will take place on May 22, 2022 at Plummer Park. The program of events will be available at www.weho.org/fundraiser.

On Friday, February 24, 2022, the City of West Hollywood issued an official statement as Russian military forces began attacks in Ukraine: "West Hollywood has a core value of respect and support for people and our city has a thriving community of residents with roots in countries that were former Soviet republics. We join with people and communities across the globe in calling for an immediate end to this aggression. There can be no justification for the human suffering that will result from the unprovoked attack of Russian military forces. War is never the answer. We stand for peace, and we stand with Ukraine."

West Hollywood's Russian-speaking community is a cornerstone of the City's cultural and economic foundation. The month of May has been traditionally a Russian Arts and Culture Month in our City. The Russian Arts and Culture Month has always been and will continue to be a time to celebrate the values, beliefs, identity, and self-expression of our Russian-speaking community, which is comprised of people who immigrated from 15 republics of the former Soviet Union.

In addition to the West Hollywood Fundraiser for Refugees from Ukraine on May 22, the City will offer an array of events, activities for kids, master classes, tours, concerts, contests and much more during the month-long celebration of culture and traditions that will benefit refugees from Ukraine.

We look forward to your participation in this year's events. For additional information and sponsorship opportunities, please contact us at (323) 848-6826 or WeHoRusEvents@weho.org.

Sincerely,


Lauren Meister
Mayor