



Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Raul Peralez

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: November 4, 2021

Approved by:

Date: 11.04.21

SUBJECT: RETROACTIVE APPROVAL OF THE APOLOGY CEREMONY TO THE CHINESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SPONSORED BY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3 AS A CITY COUNCIL SPONSORED SPECIAL EVENT TO EXPEND CITY FUNDS AND ACCEPT DONATIONS OF MATERIALS AND SERVICES FOR THE EVENT

RECOMMENDATION

1. Retroactively approve the Apology Ceremony to the Chinese American Community that took place on September 29, 2021 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.
2. Approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses, or community groups to support the event.
3. Place the item on the November 30, 2021 Council Agenda for action.

BACKGROUND

On February 1, 2005, the City Council adopted Resolution 72517 which requires Councilmembers to submit a memorandum to the Rules Committee regarding proposed City Council sponsored Special Events and the proposed use of any funds.

The Apology Ceremony to the Chinese American Community was held on September 29, 2021 and was sponsored by Councilmember Peralez. This historic public ceremony allowed the City of San Jose to formally apologize for the City's history of acts of injustice towards Chinese immigrants and their descendants. It also commemorated the City Council Resolution that was passed. The event was free and open to the public.

ANALYSIS

Approval by the City Council of the event will ensure compliance with the Council's prior direction regarding Council Special Events. In observance of existing fundraising disclosure requirements, Councilmember Raul Peralez will report any cash or in-kind donations received for the event on their Disclosure of Fundraising Report (DFR-1). Approval of this memorandum will enable Council District 3, City departments and the Office of the City Clerk to proceed with the event. Any cash donations received will be processed pursuant to the City's normal financial and budgetary procedures.

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

The Office of the City Clerk will post the item on the City's Website for the November 10, 2021 Rules Committee Agenda and the November 30, 2021 City Council Agenda.

CEQA

Not a Project, File No. PP17-010, City Organization & Administrative Activities resulting in no changes to the physical environment.

Not a Project, File No. PP17-011, Temporary Special Events resulting in no changes to the physical environment.

Exempt, File No. PP12-080. Minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effect on the environment.

Exempt, File No. PP13-056, Activities associated with citywide litter clean-up activities.

Exempt, File No. PP11-046, Graffiti removal services.

Reviewed by:
TONI J. TABER, CMC
City Clerk