



COUNCIL AGENDA: 12/14/2021

ITEM: 2.22

FILE NO: 21-2627

# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Toni J. Taber, CMC  
City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** December 14, 2021

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**SUBJECT: Retroactive Approval of The Eastridge Tree Lighting Ceremony Community Event Sponsored by Council District 8 as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event**

## Recommendation

As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on December 1, 2021:

(a) Retroactively approve the Eastridge Tree Lighting Ceremony scheduled on November 19, 2021 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds; and

(b) Approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses or community groups to support the event.

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

[Rules Committee referral 12/8/2021 - Item G.1.c]



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Councilmember Sylvia Arenas  
District 8

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** December 2, 2021

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APPROVED: Sylvia Arenas  
12/2/21

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**SUBJECT: RETROACTIVE APPROVAL OF THE EASTRIDGE TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY COMMUNITY EVENT SPONSORED BY COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 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 Eastridge Tree Lighting Ceremony scheduled on Friday, November 19, 2021 as City Council sponsored Special Events 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 Tuesday, December 14, 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 Eastridge Tree Lighting Ceremony was held on Friday, November 19, 2021 at Eastridge Center and sponsored by Councilmember Arenas. This special event was a celebration of the approaching holiday season featuring community entertainers, a prize drawing, and activities for children and their families. The event was free and open to the public and followed all appropriate local public health rules, including requiring masks and social distancing.

**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 Arenas 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 8, 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 December 8, 2021 Rules Committee Agenda and the December 14, 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

For questions, please contact Toni Taber, City Clerk, at (408) 535-1260.