



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Toni J. Taber, MMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: March 27, 2025

SUBJECT: Approval of the Fourth of July Fireworks at Lake Cunningham 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 March 26, 2025:

- (a) Approve the Fourth of July Fireworks at Lake Cunningham scheduled on July 4, 2025 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. (Candelas)

[Rules Committee referral 3/26/2025 - Item B.5]



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Domingo
Candelas, District 8

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: 3/20/2025

APPROVED:

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS AT LAKE CUNNINGHAM SPONSORED BY COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 AS CITY COUNCIL SPONSORED SPECIAL EVENTS TO EXPEND CITY FUNDS AND ACCEPT DONATIONS OF MATERIALS AND SERVICES FOR THE EVENTS.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve the Fourth of July Fireworks at Lake Cunningham 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 events.
3. Place the item on the April 8, 2025, City Council Agenda for action.

BACKGROUND

On February 1, 2005, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 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.

This special event will be free and open to the public. With increased fire risks such as extreme heat and dry vegetation during the summer months, it is crucial to provide professional shows for the community to celebrate the holiday and view fireworks. Reducing the number of illegal fireworks in our streets keeps residents safe and minimizes the number of service calls to our San Jose Fire Department and San Jose Police Department.

As the first City-sponsored fireworks show in East San Jose, thousands of residents gathered at Lake Cunningham last year to safely partake in a family-friendly Fourth of July celebration. Food vendors, community resources, and entertainment activities provided a vibrant and enriching atmosphere for all attendees to enjoy.

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 Domingo Candelas 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 March 26, 2025, Rules Committee Agenda and the April 8, 2025, City Council Agenda.

CEQA

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