



COUNCIL AGENDA: 09/15/2020

ITEM: 2.15

FILE NO: 20-1105

# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

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

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** September 15, 2020

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**SUBJECT: Retroactive Approval of Recognizing September 6, 2020 as Jaswant Singh Khalra Day 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 on September 9, 2020:

- (a) Retroactively approve Jaswant Singh Khalra Day scheduled on September 6, 2020 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds. (b) Approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses or community groups to support the event.
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CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-011, Temporary Special Events resulting in no changes to the physical environment. (Arenas)

[Rules Committee referral 09/09/2020 - Item G.1.a]



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Councilmember Sylvia Arenas  
District 8

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** September 3, 2020

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APPROVED: *Sylvia Arenas*

*9/3/2020*

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**SUBJECT: RETROACTIVE APPROVAL OF RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 AS JASWANT SINGH KHALRA DAY 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 Jaswant Singh Khalra Day scheduled on Sunday, September 6, 2020 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.
2. Retroactively approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses or community groups to support the event.
3. Place the item on the Tuesday, September 15, 2020 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.

Jaswant Singh Khalra Day was recognized on Sunday, September 6, 2020 and sponsored by Councilmember Arenas. This special event recognizes an important date for Sikh American and South Asian American communities, and honors the Sikh human rights advocate Jaswant Singh Khalra. Jaswant Singh Khalra is remembered for fighting for the rights and dignity of the Sikhs and others, and every year on September 6, 2020, we remember his brave efforts on the day he was brutally taken from the world. District 8, home to the Sikh Gurdwara Sahib, and the City of San José at large are deeply enriched by the Sikh community and their generous hearts and commitment to social justice. We wish to honor them, and the life of Jaswant Singh Khalra, by

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celebrating Jaswant Singh Khalra Day on the 25th anniversary of his passing. The event is 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 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 September 9, 2020 Rules Committee Agenda and the September 15, 2020 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.