



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Councilmember George Casey  
District 10

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** 3/28/2025

APPROVED:

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF RAYMOND TOWNSEND CELEBRATION AND  
ROTUNDA AND TOWER LIGHTING SPONSORED BY COUNCIL  
DISTRICT 10 AS A CITY COUNCIL SPONSORED SPECIAL EVENT TO  
EXPEND CITY FUNDS AND ACCEPT DONATIONS OF MATERIALS  
AND SERVICES FOR THE EVENT**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

1. Approve the Raymond Townsend Celebration scheduled on April 29, 2025, and Tower and Rotunda Lighting scheduled on April 29, 2025, 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 April 22, 2025, 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.

Raymond Townsend Celebration and the associated Tower and Rotunda lighting will be held on April 29, 2025, at San José City Hall Rotunda and sponsored by Councilmember George Casey. This special event celebrates the legacy and impact of Raymond Townsend, the first Filipino American to play in the NBA, who was born and raised in San José. We will have Filipino food, a Filipino cultural dance performance, proclaim Raymond Townsend Day meeting in the City of San José during that day's City Council, and bring Raymond to attend with family, friends, and people he has impacted. This event links to community and economic development by bringing together basketball players and organizations, Filipino and Black community members, individuals mentored by Raymond, and his friends and family to promote sports education, diversity, and inclusion. The event is free and open to the public.

## **ANALYSIS**

City Council Policy 7-14, City Hall Event Lighting Policy, Sections B.1 and C.1 allows Rotunda and Tower lighting in conjunction with proclamations for official actions or ceremonial items as approved by City Council. We will light the Tower and Rotunda blue and gold, in honor of Raymond Townsend's time playing for the Golden State Warriors. This lighting is in conjunction with the Raymond Townsend Day proclamation during the April 29, 2025 City Council meeting presented by Councilmember George Casey.

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 George Casey 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 10, 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 April 9, 2025, Rules Committee Agenda and the April 22, 2025, City Council Agenda.

## **CEQA**

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

Reviewed by:

TONI J. TABER, CMC  
City Clerk

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