



Memorandum

TO: RULES AND OPEN
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

FROM: Mayor Sam Liccardo

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: November 8, 2018

APPROVED:

11/8/2018

SUBJECT: RETROACTIVE APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 30 INTERFAITH COMMUNITY VIGIL AND GATHERING AS A CITY SPONSORED SPECIAL EVENT, TO EXPEND CITY FUNDS AND AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS OF MATERIALS AND SERVICES FOR THE EVENT

RECOMMENDATION

1. Retroactively approve the Interfaith Community Vigil and Gathering held on October 30, 2018 as a City Council sponsored 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 27, 2018 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.

The series of hate filled events that occurred during the last week of October culminated with the largest hate crime perpetrated on the Jewish community in the history of the United States at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA on October 27. Local community leaders from multiple denominations requested assistance with coordinating a response as a show of solidarity and compassion. A community gathering, free and open to the public, was held on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at the Plaza area at San José City Hall with more than 500 people in attendance. This non-denominational community event was coordinated through the Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley in cooperation with the Mayor's Office, City departments, other agencies and other educational institutions, business organizations, and community volunteers.

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, Councilmembers and the Mayor who obtain donated items 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 Districts, the Mayor's Office, 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 14th Rules Committee Agenda and the November 27th City Council Agenda.

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X Not a Project, File No. PP15-077, Temporary Special Events.

Reviewed by:

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City Clerk

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