


CITY COUNCIL ACTION REQUEST

Department(s): Environmental Services Department	CEQA: Statutorily Exempt, File No. PP17-005, Adjustment to fees, Rates & Fares without changes to or expansion of services, CEQA Guidelines Section 15273 – Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges	Coordination: PW/CMO Budget	Dept. Approval: /s/ Kerrie Romanow
Council District(s): 3			CMO Approval:  4/4/19

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF CITY HALL FACILITY FREE USE FOR EARTH RIDE ON SATURDAY 5/4/19

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing “Free Use” for events and activities held at City Hall on Saturday, May 4, 2019 for Earth Ride.

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

In June 2016, the City adopted Schedule of Fees Resolution No. 77829 for City Hall Facility and Plaza Use. Presently, the resolution allows City Departments to have “Free Use” of the facilities for those events that 1) qualify as official city business; 2) are free and open to the public; 3) occur on a Sunday through Friday; and 4) are booked 30 days in advance. Under the Resolution, Free Use is not applicable on Saturdays. Therefore, City Council approval is necessary for a Free Use event on Saturday, May 4, 2019 for the Earth Ride held by Environmental Services Department (ESD). This event is set on a Saturday which increases the number of participants, decreases the inconvenience to business traffic, and overall significantly benefits the community.

May 4, 2019 for Earth Ride

April is Earth Month. At the close of Earth Month, the purpose of the Earth Ride is to foster environmental stewardship and raise awareness of the one-year adoption of Climate Smart San José, a plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and ensure a long-term water supply. Earth Ride is scheduled to utilize the South Plaza and West Plaza on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Anticipated community participation range from 150-200 bicyclists. ESD is working with the Department of Transportation to highlight projects along the bike route. ESD is also working with community partners San Jose Bike Coalition, San Jose Bike Party, and the San Jose Bike Clinic to ensure bike safety.

The bike route starts and ends at City Hall. The route will showcase five city locations with environmental components: Green Stormwater Infrastructure at Park Ave., Rosicrucian Museum, Hoover Middle School, Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, and Better Bikeways Network.

At the beginning of the bike ride, there will be an event held at City Hall with a resource fair. City department staff and community partners will be able to share program information with community members. Some information provided will be available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

City staff will set-up, break down event, ride the route to help facilitate location stops and safety, identify locations, present on projects and initiatives, and provide outreach information. ESD will work with City Hall facilities staff re: hosting Bike Ride at City Hall before and after the event.

COST AND FUNDING SOURCE:

No costs are associated with this action.

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