



COUNCIL AGENDA: 8/18/2020

ITEM: 2.13

FILE NO: 20-939

# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

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

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** August 18, 2020

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**SUBJECT: Approval of Assyrian Memorial Month 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.**

**Recommendations:**

(a) Approve Assyrian Memorial Month to be recognized by the City Council on Tuesday, August 18, 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.

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

[Rules Committee referral 8/12/2020 - Item A.1.a]



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Councilmember Johnny Khamis  
District 10

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** 08/11/2020

APPROVED:

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF ASSYRIAN MEMORIAL MONTH 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 Assyrian Memorial Month to be recognized by the City Council on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, 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 August 18, 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.

Assyrian Memorial Month will be recognized by the City Council on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 and sponsored by Councilmember Johnny Khamis. For three centuries, Assyrian Americans have made the United States their home, and in doing so, have greatly enriched our nation through leadership in business, academia, government, science, and the arts. August 7th serves as a memorial of Assyrians who gave their lives in pursuit of freedom, justice, and liberty and is commemorated around the world as a time of recommitment to the ideals of these fallen heroes. The annual observance of Assyrian Martyrs Day raises awareness of the suffering that befell the Assyrian people and is a reminder of the importance of eliminating hatred and racism in our own communities.

**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 Johnny Khamis 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 August 12, 2020 Rules Committee Agenda and the August 18, 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.