



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: COUNCILMEMBER SERGIO JIMENEZ

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

APPROVED:

DATE: 9/24/20

SUBJECT: Approval Arteriovenous Malformation Awareness Month Sponsored By Council District 2 As A City Council Sponsored Special Event To Expend City Funds And Expend City Funds And Accept Donations Of Materials And Services For The Event (Jimenez)

RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve October 2020 as Arteriovenous Malformation Awareness Month 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 October 6, 2020 Council Agenda for action.

BACKGROUND

An arteriovenous malformation (AVM) is a complex tangle of arteries and veins that bypasses normal brain tissue and directly diverts blood from the arteries to the veins, potentially resulting in devastating ruptures, seizures or death. An estimated 18 out of 100,000 people in the United States have an AVM in the brain. After an AVM ruptures there is a 10 to 15% risk of death and a 20 to 30% chance of permanent brain damage after each bleed. Approximately 10 to 58% of AVM patients have various kinds of aneurysms, a weak area in a blood vessel that enlarges like a balloon, and is at risk for bleeding or rupture resulting in possible brain damage or long-term disability.

Access to accurate information, expertise, and community to support survivors, caregivers, families, and friends in making educated decisions about treatment and coping can make a critical difference in minimizing the risks and increasing the quality of life for those affected.

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More research is needed to determine the causes, discover better treatment options, and to find a cure for AVM. Increased public awareness is necessary so that individuals are better able to recognize symptoms and understand available resources and options.