



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Sylvia Arenas
District 8

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: February 4, 2021

APPROVED: *Sylvia Arenas*

2/4/2021

SUBJECT: RETROACTIVE APPROVAL OF SAKA NAKODAR INTERNATIONAL GLOBAL AWARENESS DAY COMMUNITY EVENT SPONSORED BY COUNCIL DISTRICT 8 AS A CITY COUNCIL SPONSORED SPECIAL EVENT TO EXPEND CITY FUNDS AND ACCEPT DONATIONS OF MATERIALS AND SERVICES FOR THE EVENT

RECOMMENDATION

1. Retroactively approve Saka Nakodar International Global Awareness Day on Thursday, February 4, 2021 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 Tuesday, February 23, 2021 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.

Saka Nakodar International Global Awareness Day is recognized on February 4, 2021 and sponsored by Councilmember Arenas. This special event aims to raise awareness about the Nakodar incident on February 4, 1986 and honor the four unarmed Sikh students who were killed by State Police in Punjab, India during a peaceful protest. Saka Nakodar International Global Awareness Day is an international day to spread awareness to continue generational and community healing for our Sikh American community in San Jose. District 8, home to the Sikh Gurdwara Sahib, and the City of San José at large are deeply enriched by the Sikh community and their generous hearts and commitment to human rights.

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 Arenas 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 8, 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 February 10, 2021 Rules Committee Agenda and the February 23, 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.