



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Toni J. Taber, MMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: March 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval of the WEPA Salsa Festival Sponsored by Council District 1 as a City Council Sponsored Special Event to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Event

Recommendation

As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on March 11, 2026:

- (a) Approve the WEPA Salsa Festival scheduled on June 12, 2026 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds; and
- (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. (Kamei)

[Rules Committee referral 3/11/2026 - Item B.3]



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Rosemary
Kamei
District 1

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: March 2, 2026

APPROVED:

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF WEPA SALSA FESTIVAL SPONSORED BY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 AS A CITY COUNCIL SPONSORED SPECIAL EVENT TO EXPEND CITY FUNDS AND ACCEPT DONATIONS OF MATERIALS AND SERVICES FOR THE EVENT

RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve WEPA Salsa Festival scheduled on June 12, 2026, 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 March 17, 2026, 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.

WEPA Salsa Festival 2026 will be held on Friday, June 12, 2026, at Parque de los Pobladores and sponsored by Councilmember Rosemary Kamei. The event is co-hosted by the cultural nonprofit organizations MACLA/Movimiento de Arte y Cultura Latino Americana and San Jose Jazz. It commemorates El Día de San Juan, which is a popular celebration of life and joy focused on San Juan, the patron saint and namesake of the capital of Puerto Rico. This Puerto Rican tradition features top-notch music performances grounded in Puerto Rican culture, including Salsa, Bomba, and Plena. It is free and open to the public.

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 Rosemary Kamei 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 1, 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 March 11, 2026, Rules Committee Agenda and the March 17, 2026, City Council Agenda.

CEQA

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Reviewed by:

TONI J. TABER, CMC
City Clerk

For questions, please contact Toni Taber, City Clerk, at (408) 535-1260.