

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE
RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING “FREE USE” OF THE JANET GRAY
HAYES ROTUNDA ON SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026, FOR THE AFRICAN
AMERICAN COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCY’S (AACSA)
JUNETEENTH POWER 50 FREEDOM BALL HOSTED BY THE OFFICE
OF MAYOR MATT MAHAN**

WHEREAS, in June 2019, the City of San José (“City”) adopted Schedule of Fees Resolution No. 79138 for the fees and charges for City Hall Facility and Plaza Use; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 79138 authorizes the Mayor and Council Offices to have “Free Use” of the City Hall Facility and Plaza for 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 thirty (30) days in advance; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Mayor Matt Mahan hosted the AACSA’s Power 50: Juneteenth Mayors Freedom Ball, a private event at the Janet Gray Hayes Rotunda on Sunday, June 7, 2026, as the premiere kickoff event for the 45th Annual Juneteenth in the Streets celebration in San José; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Power 50: Juneteenth Mayors Freedom Ball was to celebrate excellence, civic leadership, legacy, and community impact through appearances by local Mayors and community leaders, networking opportunities, and a celebration of freedom, resilience, and achievement; and

WHEREAS, this private, invitation-only event brought together Bay Area leaders and visitors to downtown San José, supporting local businesses and contributing to the economic and cultural vitality of the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, “Free Use” does not apply to events which are private and not open to the public, and, therefore, Council approval is necessary to authorize the free use of the Janet Gray Hayes Rotunda for the Power 50: Juneteenth Mayors Freedom Ball held on Sunday, June 7, 2026; and

WHEREAS, holding the event on a Sunday maximized participation by invited stakeholders and out-of-region guests, thereby enhancing the event’s impact and advancing the City’s goals of regional engagement and economic promotion; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that the Power 50: Juneteenth Mayors Freedom Ball qualifies as Official City Business because it advances the City’s economic development and civic promotion goals by promoting economic opportunity, cultural engagement, community leadership, and inclusive civic participation; attracting visitors, strengthening civic identity, and activating local business activity; and engaging regional leaders to elevate the City’s profile and support continued economic and cultural vitality in the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to retroactively approve the free use of the Janet Gray Hayes Rotunda for the Power 50: Juneteenth Mayors Freedom Ball held on Sunday, June 7, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:

The City Council hereby retroactively authorizes the “Free Use” of the Janet Gray Hayes Rotunda for the private, invitation-only Power 50: Juneteenth Mayors Freedom Ball held on Sunday, June 7, 2026, hosted by the Office of Mayor Matt Mahan, as the event provided a public benefit by advancing the City’s economic development and civic promotion goals, promoting cultural engagement and community leadership, attracting

visitors to downtown San José, and engaging regional leaders to support the City's continued economic and cultural vitality.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

MATT MAHAN
Mayor

ATTEST:

TONI J. TABER, MMC
City Clerk