

Date: January 23, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Councilwoman Mary Zendejas, First Council District

Subject: First District Funds Transfer in Support of Youth and Cultural Efforts

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### RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department by \$6,000, offset by the First Council District One-Time District Priority Funds, transferred from the Citywide Activities Department, to provide donation to the following:

1. Community Partners to support the Mayor's Fund of Long Beach, in support of the 2024 Jordan High School Benefit Concert Donation Pledge, in the amount of \$1,000; and,
2. Historical Society of Long Beach, in support of the Sponsorship for Centro de La Raza, in the amount of \$5,000.

Decrease appropriations in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department by \$6,000 to offset transfers to the City Manager Department.

### DISCUSSION

The Mayor's Fund of Long Beach supports and serves the City of Long Beach and students at Long Beach Unified School District through collaborative efforts with community, civic, and education partners. The Mayor's Fund of Long Beach is supporting Jordan High School's choir band and chorus through a benefit concert, in which proceeds will support the students' quest to perform at New York's Carnegie Hall this year. Last summer, students submitted a video application for the opportunity to perform with National Concerts. The students were then selected from a competitive pool of applicants around the nation to participate in a festival hosted by National Concerts that will take place on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This is a rare opportunity that will have a great lasting impact on the choir and orchestra students in the Jordan High School music program.

The donation pledge of \$1,000 to Community Partners to support the Mayor's Fund of Long Beach will help offset the cost of hotel accommodations and educational workshops and other

expenses related to the Carnegie Hall performance. As this aligns with the City's goals to invest in youth, it is appropriate for City Council to support.

The Historical Society of Long Beach (HSLB) is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to connecting people to the past and preserving the history of the City of Long Beach. The Historical Society of Long Beach is fostering an inclusive community that gives residents a better understanding of their role and impact in their community.

The contribution for Historical Society of Long Beach (HSLB) of \$5,000 will support advancing projects such as the Centro de La Raza: John A. Taboada Legacy Photo Collection 1970-1985 exhibition. As this aligns with the City's value of celebrating cultural diversity, it is appropriate for City Council to support.

This matter has been reviewed by Budget Analyst Joe R. Guerrero on January 11, 2024.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

This recommendation requests the City Manager to provide a contribution to Community Partners to support the Mayor's Fund of Long Beach, in the amount of \$1,000; and to Historical Society of Long Beach, in the amount of \$5,000. The total appropriation increase of \$6,000 in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department will be offset by a decrease of appropriation of First Council District One-time District Priority Funds in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department. The requested action is anticipated to require a minimal level of staff hours beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and expected to have minimal impact on existing City Council priorities.

#### SUGGESTED ACTION

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mary Zendejas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mary" and last name "Zendejas" clearly legible.

Mary Zendejas, Councilwoman, First District