

Date: June 11, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Councilwoman Suely Saro, Sixth District

Subject: Fund Transfer to Support Community Events

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation to increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department by \$1,200, offset by the Sixth Council District One-time District Priority Funds transferred from the Citywide Activities Department to provide a contribution of:

- \$200 to the National Council of Negro Women to Support the 38th Annual Spring Celebration and Awards Program "Women of Excellence- Celebrating HerStory" on June 8, 2024;
- \$500 to Success in Challenges, Inc. to support their Success in Challenges Gala 2024 on June 6, 2024;
- \$500 to The LGBTQ Center Long Beach to support their Black and White Ball 2024 event on June 15th, 2024; and,

Decrease appropriations in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department by \$1,200 to offset a transfer to the City Manager Department.

**DISCUSSION**

The National Council of Negro Women (NCCW) will host their 38th Annual Spring Celebration and Awards Program, "Women of Excellence - Celebrating HerStory," on June 8, 2024. This event honors the remarkable achievements and contributions of women of color who have significantly impacted their communities. There will be a presentation for the "Women of Excellence" awards, recognizing women who have made significant contributions in various fields, including education, healthcare, business, arts, and social justice.

Success in Challenges, Inc. will be hosting its Success in Challenges, Inc. Gala 2024 on June 6, 2024. This event celebrates the work of Success in Challenges, Inc., an organization dedicated to uplifting underrepresented communities through innovative programs and support. The proceeds gathered will support the initiatives of Success in Challenges, Inc., including

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educational outreach, housing assistance, and mental health services. This year's theme, "Empowering Futures," highlights the organization's commitment to fostering resilience in adversity.

The LGBTQ Center Long Beach will host their Black and White Ball 2024 on June 15th, 2024. This annual gala doubles as a fundraiser that helps allocate funds towards the Center's programs and services for the LGBTQ+ community. The funds raised during the event directly support the Center's mission to provide health services, advocacy, and support for LGBTQ+ individuals and families in Long Beach and beyond.

This matter has been reviewed by Budget Analyst Joe R. Guerrero on June 5, 2024.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

This recommendation requests the City Manager to provide contributions to the National Council of Negro Women, Success in Challenges, Inc, and the LGBTQ Center Long Beach. The total appropriation increase of \$1,200 in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department will be offset by a decrease in the Sixth Council District One-time District Priority Funds transferred from the Citywide Activities Department. The requested action is anticipated to require a minimal level of staff hours beyond the budgeted scope of duties and have a minimal impact on meeting other City Council priorities.

#### LEVINE ACT

This item is subject to the Levine Act. City elected and appointed officials, including candidates for City elected office (City Officers), who have received a contribution of more than \$250 within 12 months prior from a party, participant, or their representatives involved in this proceeding may do either of the following: (1) disclose the contribution on the record and recuse themselves from this proceeding; OR (2) return the portion of the contribution that exceeds \$250 within 30 days from the time the elected official knew or should have known about the contribution and participate in the proceeding.

All parties, participants, and their representatives must disclose on the record of this proceeding any contribution of more than \$250 made to the City Officers, such as the Mayor and/or Councilmembers, within 12 months prior to the date of the proceeding. City Officers are prohibited from accepting, soliciting, or directing a contribution of more than \$250 from a party, participant, or their representatives during a proceeding and for 12 months following the date a final decision is rendered.

#### SUGGESTED ACTION

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suely Saro', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Suely Saro, Councilwoman, Sixth District