



Date: August 10, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilwoman Suely Saro, Sixth District

Subject: Contribution to Wild West Women, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION:

Increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department by \$400 offset by Six Council District One-Time District Priority Funds transferred from the Citywide Activities Department to provide a contribution to Wild West Women, Inc. to support the Suffrage Tea event; and,

Decrease appropriations in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department by \$400 to offset a transfer to the City Manager Department.

Discussion

One hundred years ago the 19th Amendment extended voting rights to women. The movement for women's rights launched on a national level with the Seneca Falls Convention, organized by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott. Following the convention, the demand for the vote became a centerpiece of the women's rights movement. Stanton and Mott, along with Susan B. Anthony and other activists, raised public awareness and lobbied the government to grant voting rights to women. After a lengthy battle, these groups emerged victorious with the passage of the 19th Amendment. The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified on August 18, 1920 and granted American women the right to vote, also known as women's suffrage.

The American Suffrage Centennial is dedicated to remembering and honoring those who have waited patiently to be recognized, celebrated and placed firmly in United States history. The Long Beach Suffrage Centennial was an instrumental part of California winning voting rights for women and have been a major voice of support for Latina participation regarding the right to vote. The Centennial is an important leader in teaching the Long Beach community about American Women's History. The organization continues to fight to ensure that all Californians have the access and right to vote. A donation of \$400 is being requested to help sponsor their Suffrage Tea in the Bembridge House garden on August 26, 2021, which will be a celebration of the 100th year anniversary.

This matter was reviewed by Grace H. Yoon on August 2, 2021

FISCAL IMPACT

This recommendation requests the City Manager Department to provide a contribution to Wild West Women, Inc. to support the Suffrage Tea event. The total appropriation increase in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department by \$400 is offset by a decrease of appropriation of the Six Council District One-time District Priority Funds in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department. The request action is anticipated to require a minimal level of staff hours beyond normal budgeted scope of duties and a minimal impact on existing City Council priorities.

SUGGESTED ACTION

Approve Recommendation.