



## Legislation Text

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Recommendation to increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department by \$1,000, offset by Eighth Council District One-time District Priority transferred from the Citywide Activities Department, to provide a contribution to the Partners of Parks to support the Juneteenth 2021 Celebration; and

Decrease appropriations in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department by \$1,000 to offset a transfer to the City Manager Department.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The City Council declared Juneteenth a Day of Celebration in Long Beach this year, to commemorate June 19, 1865, when Union soldiers landed at Galveston, Texas with word that the Civil War had ended and that those enslaved were now free, even though President Abraham Lincoln had issued the Emancipation Proclamation more than two years earlier.

President Biden also signed legislation passed by Congress making Juneteenth a federal holiday. This year's Juneteenth Celebration in Long Beach was one of the premier Juneteenth celebrations in Southern California, featuring a variety of music, traditional African drumming, a step show, poetry and guest speakers. This contribution to Partners of Parks will help cover some of the costs for the 2021 Juneteenth Celebration.

This matter has been reviewed by Budget Manager Grace H. Yoon on July 2, 2021.

### **STATEMENT OF URGENCY:**

The approval of this item will help ensure the timely processing of the contribution to help pay expenses.

This recommendation requests the City Manager to provide a contribution to Partners of Parks to support the 2021 Juneteenth Celebration. The total appropriation increase in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department by \$1,000 is offset by a decrease of appropriation of Eighth Council District One-time District Priority Funds in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department. Implementing this recommendation is anticipated to result in a minimal impact on staff hours beyond the budgeted scope of duties and is anticipated to have minimal impact on existing City Council priorities.

Approve recommendation.

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