



Date: March 16, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilwoman Suely Saro
Councilmember Roberto Uranga
Councilwoman Mary Zendejas

Subject: Fund Transfer for Virtual 2021 Cambodian New Year and Cambodian Genocide Remembrance Day Event

RECOMMENDATION:

Increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department by \$10,550, offset by Sixth Council District One-Time District Priority Funds transferred from the Citywide Activities Department to provide a donation to Asian Empowerment Association for a Virtual 2021 Cambodian New Year and Cambodian Genocide Remembrance Day event.

Decrease appropriations in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department by \$10,550 to offset a transfer to the City Manager Department.

Discussion

Councilwoman Suely Saro would like to provide funding to support a virtual video to celebrate the 2021 Cambodian New Year and to recognize the 2021 Annual Cambodian Genocide Remembrance Day.

The 2021 Cambodian New Year is three days and it begins on April 14th and ends on April 16th. Tragically, on April 17, 1975, the lives of Cambodians were forever changed when the Khmer Rouge marched into Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia, and evacuated the entire city as they forced people into labor camps and executed former government officials, doctors, artists, scholars among others. It became known as Year Zero as it was marked by the Khmer Rouge regime. Under that regime, it has been estimated that over 2 million lives were lost due to execution and starvation. Tens of thousands were made widows and orphans, and those who lived through the regime were severely traumatized by their experiences. Several hundred thousand Cambodians fled their country and became refugees, resettling in countries across the world to rebuild their lives, specifically in the City of Long Beach. Long Beach has the largest Cambodian population in the United States.

Asian Empowerment Association is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that has focused on empowering through advocacy, leadership development, and strengthening intergenerational relationships, particularly in the Cambodian community.

The virtual 2021 Cambodian New Year and 2021 Cambodian Genocide Remembrance Day virtual video will consist of past, present, and future Cambodian American stories to share the culture and promote reconciliation and healing.

This matter has been reviewed by Budget Manager Grace H. Yoon on March 11, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT

This recommendation requests the City Manager to provide a donation for the Virtual 2021 Cambodian New Year and Cambodian Genocide Remembrance Day event. The total appropriation increase of \$10,550 in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department is offset by the Sixth Council District One-Time District Priority Funds in the Citywide Activities Department. Implementing this recommendation is expected to have a minimal impact on staff hours beyond normal budgeted scope of duties and is expected to have a minimal impact on existing City Council Priorities.

SUGGESTED ACTION

Approve Recommendation.

STATEMENT OF URGENCY

This urgent item is being submitted through supplemental agenda to allow for timely funds processing.



City of Long Beach Memorandum
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REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: March 12, 2021
To: Monique De La Garza, City Clerk
From: Councilwoman Suely Saro, Sixth District
Subject: Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of
March 16, 2021.

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

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