



Date: April 5, 2022
To: Honorable Mayor and Council
From: Councilwoman Cindy Allen, Second District
Subject: Funds Transfer to Sponsor LGBTQ Center Black and White Ball 2022

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommendation to increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department by \$5,000, offset by the Second Council District One-time District Priority Funds, transferred from the Citywide Activities Department, to provide a donation to the LGBTQ Center of Long Beach to support the Black and White Ball, which will be held on June 25, 2022; and

Decrease appropriations in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department by \$5,000, to offset a transfer to the City Manager Department.

DISCUSSION:

The LGBTQ Center Long Beach advances equity for LGBTQ people through culturally responsive advocacy, education, programs, and services. The Center envisions fully affirming communities where all LGBTQ people live in health, wellness, safety and prosperity. The LGBTQ Center provides services centered in the lived experiences of LGBTQ people, and approaches their work with a mission-driven, culturally-inclusive focus and interactions with clients, community members, volunteers, and staff that are trauma-informed, intersectional and client-centered.

The LGBTQ Center of Long Beach serves over 25,000 people a year and includes an array of services including support groups, workshops and seminars, youth services, free HIV & STI testing, legal assistance, domestic violence services, employment referrals, mental health counseling, cultural and social activities including the QFilm Festival, educational forums, and a thriving volunteer program with an active database of over 300 volunteers. This programming addresses the experiences of LGBTQ individuals across spectrums of gender, sexual orientation, age, race, religious origin/faith background, national origin, immigration status, educational background, language(s), (dis)ability and socioeconomic status. The Center also provides meeting space for more than 20 community groups each month.