

City of Long Beach Working Together to Serve

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Date:

May 3, 2022

To:

Mayor and Members of the City Council

From:

Councilwoman Suzie Price, Third District

Subject:

Contribution for Long Beach Juneteenth Celebration

RECOMMENDATION:

Increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department by \$1,000, offset by the Third Council District One-time District Priority Funds transferred from the Citywide Activities Department to provide a donation to Partners of Parks to support the Long Beach Juneteenth Celebration; and

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

INTRODUCTION:

Dating back to 1865, Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the end to slavery in the United States, when General George Granger rode into Texas and informed African Americans that President Abraham Lincoln ended slavery, two years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. Despite this day's long history, it has only been designated as a federal holiday beginning last year. In recognition of this historic event, the Long Beach Juneteenth Celebration will be held June 18, 2022. As this event seeks to celebrate and create greater awareness of this collective American experience while bringing thousands of people to Long Beach to celebrate and enjoy our amazing Downtown, it is appropriate for the City to support this year's Juneteenth celebration.

This matter has been reviewed by Budget Manager Grace H. Yoon on April 21, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This recommendation requests the City Manager Department to provide a contribution to Partners of Parks for the Long Beach Juneteenth Celebration on June 18, 2022. The total appropriation increase of \$1,000 in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department will be offset by a decrease of appropriation of the Third Council District One-time District Priority Funds in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department. The requested action is anticipated to require a minimal level of staff hours beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and expected to have minimal impact on existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with the recommendation.