



AL COUNCILMAN
8TH DISTRICT
AUSTIN

R-29

REVISED

Date: October 5, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Al Austin II, Eighth District

Subject: Funds Transfer Request to Support Programming at the Expo Arts Center

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the City Manager Department by \$5,000, offset by the Eighth Council District One-time District Priority Funds, transferred from the Citywide Activities Department, to provide a donation to the Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Association to support ongoing programming at the Expo Arts Center; 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.

BACKGROUND:

The Expo Arts Center is a community arts hub for Uptown Long Beach and the entire city. It regularly features art exhibits, theater productions, comedy shows, community meetings and events.

It also serves as the home of the Senior Activities at the Expo, providing free exercise, arts and social programs for seniors throughout the community. The Senior Activities at the Expo were originally established by the Eighth District Senior Advisory Council with the support of my office, and are now operated on an ongoing basis three days a week by the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department.

The City has an operating agreement with the Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Association for the management of this city-owned venue. The Expo also serves as the location for the Eighth Council District Field Office. As such, my office has consistently supported the Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Association to facilitate the ongoing programming and events at the Expo Arts Center, and I am requesting the City Council's approval to continue supporting this important community resource.

This item was reviewed by Grace H. Yoon on September 29, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This recommendation requests the City Manager to provide a contribution to the Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Association to support ongoing programming at the Expo Arts Center. Department will be offset by a decrease of appropriation of the Eighth Council District One-time District Priority Funds in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department. The recommendation is anticipated to require a minimal level of staff hours beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is expected to have a minimal impact on existing City Council priorities.