



COUNCIL AGENDA: 2/13/2024

ITEM: 2.15

FILE NO: 24-68403

# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Toni J. Taber, CMC  
City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** February 13, 2024

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**SUBJECT: Retroactive Approval and Approval of Hoffman Via Monte Property Owner's Meetings Sponsored by Council District 10 as City Council Sponsored Special Events to Expend City Funds and Accept Donations of Materials and Services for the Events**

## Recommendation

As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on January 31, 2024:

(a) Retroactively approve the Hoffman Via Monte Property Owner's meeting scheduled on January 11, 2024 as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds;

(b) Approve future Hoffman Via Monte Property Owner's meetings occurring bi-monthly until June 30, 2024 as City Council sponsored Special Events and approve the expenditure of funds; and

(c) Approve and accept donations from various individuals, businesses or community groups to support the events.

CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-011, Temporary Special Events resulting in no changes to the physical environment. (Batra)

[Rules Committee referral 1/31/2024 – Item B.3]



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Councilmember Arjun  
Batra; District 10

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** 01/25/24

APPROVED:

*Arjun Dev Batra*

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF HOFFMAN VIA MONTE PROPERTY OWNER'S MEETINGS SPONSORED BY COUNCIL DISTRICT 10 AS A CITY COUNCIL SPONSORED SPECIAL EVENT TO EXPEND CITY FUNDS AND ACCEPT DONATIONS OF MATERIALS AND SERVICES FOR THE EVENTS OCCURRING EVERY OTHER MONTH UNTIL THE END OF FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024.**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

1. Retroactive approval of the Hoffman Via Monte Property Owner's meeting which occurred on 01/11/24 as a City Council sponsored Special Event.
2. Approve future Hoffman Via Monte Property Owner's meetings occurring bi-monthly until June 30, 2024.
3. Approve the expenditure of funds and accept donations from various individuals, businesses or community groups to support the events.
4. Place the item on the 02/13/24 Council Agenda for action.

## **BACKGROUND**

On February 1, 2005, the City Council adopted Resolution 72517 which requires Councilmembers to submit a memorandum to the Rules Committee regarding proposed City Council sponsored Special Events and the proposed use of any funds.

Councilmember Batra sponsored the Hoffman Via Monte Property Owners meeting on 01/11/24 at 1071 Mesa Drive in the Mesa Terrace Community Room. This special event included a presentation by Code Enforcement about the City's Tier designations for multiple housing rentals and a recent law, SB 721 "Required Balcony Inspections."

The property owners who were invited to the meeting own the fourplexes located in the Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood behind the Whole Foods market on Blossom Hill Road. This neighborhood was recently removed by the San Jose Youth Empowerment Alliance from the city's 18 gang impacted hotspots list. This was the first time in 27 years that the neighborhood

has been recognized for its work in fighting gangs and lowering its crime rates. Our meetings with property owners are a part of the work going on in the neighborhood and will continue to be held approximately every other month through the end of this fiscal year. This neighborhood remains a Project Hope neighborhood. The event was free and open to the public.

### **ANALYSIS**

Approval by the City Council of the event will ensure compliance with the Council's prior direction regarding Council Special Events. In observance of existing fundraising disclosure requirements, Councilmember Arjun Batra will report any cash or in-kind donations received for the event on their Disclosure of Fundraising Report (DFR-1). Approval of this memorandum will enable Council District 10, City departments and the Office of the City Clerk to proceed with the event. Any cash donations received will be processed pursuant to the City's normal financial and budgetary procedures.

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST**

The Office of the City Clerk will post the item on the City's Website for the 01/31/24 Rules Committee Agenda and the 02/13/24 City Council Agenda.

### **CEQA**

- ☐ Not a Project, File No. PP17-010, City Organization & Administrative Activities resulting in no changes to the physical environment.
- ☐ Not a Project, File No. PP17-011, Temporary Special Events resulting in no changes to the physical environment.
- ☐ Exempt, File No. PP12-080. Minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effect on the environment.
- ☐ Exempt, File No. PP13-056, Activities associated with citywide litter clean-up activities.
- ☐ Exempt, File No. PP11-046, Graffiti removal services.

Reviewed by:

TONI J. TABER, CMC  
City Clerk

For questions, please contact Toni Taber, City Clerk, at (408) 535-1260.