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

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

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**FROM:** Vice Mayor Kamei  
Councilmember Candelas  
Councilmember Torres

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APPROVED:

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

1. Approve Juneteenth Tower Lighting on June 19, 2024, as a City Council sponsored Special Event and approve the expenditure of funds.
2. Place the item on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, Council Agenda for action.

## **BACKGROUND**

On February 1, 2005, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 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 in Special Events Accounts.

The City will light the tower in honor of Juneteenth. Celebrating Juneteenth in San José holds profound significance, symbolizing the city's commitment to commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans and promoting racial equality and justice. By recognizing Juneteenth, San José acknowledges and honors the resilience, contributions, and cultural heritage of the Black community. Embracing Juneteenth strengthens the city's dedication to creating a more inclusive and equitable society for all.

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### **ANALYSIS**

City Council Policy 7-14, City Hall Event Lighting Policy, Sections B.1 and C.1 allows Tower lighting in conjunction with proclamations for official actions or ceremonial items as approved by City Council. It also allows for extended lighting beyond one cycle between sundown and sunrise.

Approval by the City Council of the event will ensure compliance with the Council's prior direction regarding Council Special Events. Approval of this memorandum will enable Council Districts 1, 3, and 8, City departments, and the Office of the City Clerk to proceed with the lighting.

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST**

The Office of the City Clerk will post the item on the City's Website for the June 12, 2024, Rules Committee Agenda, and the June 18, 2024, City Council Agenda.

### **CEQA**

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Reviewed by:

TONI J. TABER, CMC  
City Clerk

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