



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Mayor and City Council

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Christopher Callanen

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: City Wide

SUBJECT:

City Council Project Fund Exemptions to the Election Year Moratorium

SUMMARY:

Establishing exemptions to the City Council Project Fund election year moratorium that would accommodate non-branded wellness events and arts, cultural and heritage events.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City Council Office began administering the City Council Project Fund in January 2012. The Fund supports events and programs that promote: 1) the health, safety and welfare of the community; 2) family, social and economic stability; 3) community fitness and recreation; and 4) community education and training. The ordinance governing the use of the Fund was updated in November 2013. These updates included better defining eligible expenses; establishing that any allocation of \$10,000 or more for a single project requires City Council approval; establishes that no more than \$10,000 of unallocated funds can be carried forward into a future Fiscal Year; and established an Election Year Moratorium that begins with the first day of the filing period and ends when the election is canvased by City Council. In the event of run-off elections the moratorium continues for those offices until canvassing. The moratorium prohibits any expenditure of funds for any event or activity that would occur during that period of time.

ISSUE:

Wellness activities and arts, cultural and heritage events that are supported annually with the Fund have to be rescheduled or postponed during election years due to the moratorium. The Governance Committee will be considering this item at their meeting on September 19, 2018.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council could elect not to recommend any changes to the current election year moratorium.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If approved, this will allow the City Council Project Fund to be utilized for wellness activities and arts, culture and heritage events that are non-branded during the election year moratorium.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends creating an exemption in the City Council Project Fund election year moratorium to allow the funding of wellness, arts, cultural and heritage events requested by entities or agencies that are hosting these types of events and that are not branded with elected officials' name or logo.