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ITEM(S)

File ID 20-001377 – (2-BB)

Actions pertaining to the Fresno Arts and Culture Emergency Relief Grant Program:

1. ***RESOLUTION - Adopting the 36th Amendment to the Annual Appropriation Resolution No. 2020-159 to appropriate \$1,500,000 in CARES Act Funds for Fresno Arts and Culture Emergency Relief Grant Program (Requires 5 affirmative votes)(Subject to Mayor's Veto)
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Bernard Canez

From: African American Historical and Cultural Musuem <aahcmsjv@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2020 9:25 AM
To: Miguel Arias
Cc: Clerk; distrct3@fresno.gov; Carol Drake; Barigye McCoy; Mark Salazar; Julia Dudley; Bro Charles Francis; s; Gregory Melancon; elisa.flores@fresnoartscouncil.org
Subject: TheAfrican American Historical and Cultural Museum of the San Joaquin Valley is in support of your sponsored Agenda Item; 2-BB.
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RE: Agenda Item 2-BB: Actions pertaining to the Fresno Arts and Culture Emergency Relief Grant Program

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We thank you for thinking about the arts which is an important part of our daily lives and historical preservation of our history.

Sincerely,
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Vice Chair: Gregory Melancon
Board Secretary: Deputy Chief Mark Salazar

Board Treasurer: Julia Dudley Najieb
Board Member: Rona Ledermann
Board Member: Dr. Carolyn Drake
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African-American Museum

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African-American Historical and Cultural Museum of the San Joaquin Valley



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From: Stephen Wilson <swilson@fresnophil.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2020 10:36 AM
To: Clerk
Subject: Public Comment: Agenda Item 2-BB ID 20-001377

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Dear City Council Members,

The Fresno Philharmonic Association strongly supports the allocation of \$1.5 million in CARES Act funding for relief of Fresno's Arts and Culture organizations which have been damaged by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, we wish to offer a change to the language of the resolution. We suggest that the language of Paragraph 1 A. of the resolution creating a grant program be broadened as follows:

1. A. Arts and culture institutions grants between \$10,000 and \$150,000 shall be available to local museums and arts organizations which were operating at the time of the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration and have been closed or prevented from performing live since March due to COVID-19 related emergency mandates.

We believe that organizations such as the Fresno Philharmonic should be eligible to compete for the largest category of grants under the resolution.

Prior to COVID-19 the Fresno Philharmonic operated on an annual budget of \$1.8 million and employed over 100 part time professional musicians per season. All of our musicians are members of the American Federation of Musicians and are categorized as employees. Our musicians have been on furlough since March 2020.

The Fresno Philharmonic also employs a professional administrative staff of 4 FTE's and is incurring ongoing expenses for office rent, utilities, etc.

In a normal season, ticket sales to live events makes up approximately 35% of our revenues. We will soon be announcing a plan to provide free digital concerts to our community including an education concert for area schools.

Support at the highest level from this new grant program would help us bring our professional musicians back to work and provide our whole community with music in a safe manner while we cannot perform live due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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