

INDIAN WELLS CITY COUNCIL

October 24, 2024



To: City Council
From: City Manager Department
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Subject: **Council Member Attendance at 2025 Events**

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Council **PRE-APPROVES** the attendance of Councilmembers to attend the Passion of Excellence on January 28, 2025, and Wild at Heart Gala on February 22, 2025 as identified in the staff report; and

FINDS the action exempt from CEQA review under CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3).

DISCUSSION:

The City Council adopted a ticket policy for pre-approval of Council Member attendance at events which serve a valid governmental or public purpose (Resolution No. 2022-36). Eisenhower Health Foundation and The Living Desert announced their upcoming events for 2025. In anticipation of the Council's participation, staff requests pre-approval to proceed with necessary arrangements.

City Council Policy Manual Section 2.11.010 states the consent calendar staff report will include a description of the event including date and location, the Council Member/s attending, the total cost for each Council Member, and the City's governmental or public purpose for attending the event. Once the Council has confirmed its attendance for the 2025 listed events, a report will be issued to the Council in a future agenda.

PRE-APPROVAL OF EVENTS:

Description (Date and Location)	Council Member	Total Cost	Public Purpose
Passion for Excellence; Eisenhower Health Foundation: Acrisure Arena, Palm Desert Saturday, January 28, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.	TBD	\$1,000pp	Section F (13)

Wild at Heart Gala; The Living Desert, Saturday, February 22, 2025- 5:30 p.m.	TBD	\$1,000pp	Section F (13)
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Resolution No. 2022-36 Section F (13) – Promote community resources and private facilities, including charitable and non-profit organizations facilities, available for use by city residents.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget sets aside up to \$2,500 for each Council Member to attend governmental or public purpose events. The Finance Department will track the expenditures and provide monthly reports to the Senior Executive Assistant. The events listed above are budgeted and do not create a new financial impact.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA):

The action is not a project within the meaning of Section 15378 of the State of California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) Guidelines, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change in the environment, directly or indirectly; and that the action is nonetheless exempt from the requirements of CEQA in that the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. (14 CCR 15061(b)(3).)