

# INDIAN WELLS CITY COUNCIL

## January 30, 2025



**To:** City Council  
**From:** City Manager Department  
**Prepared by:** Angelica Avila, City Clerk  
**Subject:** **Council Member Attendance at the 2025 Living Desert Event**

### RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Council **APPROVES** the attendance of Councilmember Sanders to attend the Living Desert Zoobilee Gala: Wild at Heart 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](#)).

City Council Policy Manual Section 2.11.010 states the consent calendar staff report will include a description of the event, including the 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 |
|---|----------------|------------|----------------|
| <b>Wild at Heart Gala; The Living Desert, Saturday, February 22, 2025- 5:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.</b> | Sanders        | \$1,000    | Section F (13) |

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 allocates up to \$2,500 per Council Member for participation in governmental or public-purpose events. The Finance Department will monitor these expenditures and provide detailed monthly reports to the Senior Executive Assistant. The events outlined above are accounted for within the existing budget and do not result in any additional 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).)