

# INDIAN WELLS CITY COUNCIL

## March 6, 2025



**To:** City Council  
**From:** City Manager Department  
**Prepared by:** Christopher Freeland, City Manager  
**Subject:** **Councilmember Penna Request to Place a Discussion Item on a Future City Council Agenda - Citywide Holiday Decorations**

### RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Council **DISCUSSES** and provides **DIRECTION** on Councilmember Penna's request to place a discussion item on a future City Council agenda related to funding citywide holiday decorations; and

**FINDS** the project to be exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15060.

### BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Section 2.06.040 of the City Council Policy Manual, Councilmember Brian Penna requests to initiate a discussion by the City Council to fund citywide holiday decorations in December 2025.

The Indian Wells City Council Policy Manual Section 3.01.030 addresses the process for a Council Member to request items for placement on the City Council Agenda.

*Section 3.01.030 PLACING ITEMS ON AGENDA. A Council member may request an Item be considered on a future agenda, verbally during a City Council meeting or by informing the City Manager. The request shall be submitted wherever reasonably possible at 14 calendar days in advance of a Council meeting. The item will be agendized at the next regularly scheduled meeting for consideration by the Council under the Council Reports section of the agenda with the initiating Council member's name. The Council Member may, at their discretion, prepare a written report.*

In 2024, the Community Activities Committee recommended approving the purchase of holiday decorations in the amount of \$13,661. The purchased décor was placed around the City Hall campus. Councilmember Penna requests the purchase of decorations not be drawn from the Committee's budget and other options be brought to the Council at a future meeting.

## **OPTIONS:**

Additionally, Councilmember Penna requests the City Council consider the matter for further review and discussion. In accordance with the Council Policy Manual, if the Council expresses interest the City Council has the following options:

1. Council directs staff to bring the matter to a future Council meeting to discuss options for further review.
2. Council directs staff to add this matter for discussion during the upcoming annual City budget discussion.
3. Council provides an alternative direction.

## **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).)