

# INDIAN WELLS CITY COUNCIL

## March 6, 2025



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**To:** City Council  
**From:** City Manager Department  
**Prepared by:** Angelica Avila, City Clerk  
**Subject:** **Council Member's Attendance at the 2025 Ophelia Luncheon**

### RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Council **APPROVES** the attendance of Mayor Whitman, Councilmember Penna, and Councilmember Sanders to attend the *It's a Girls World* Ophelia Annual Luncheon on March 18, 2025, held at the Westin Rancho Mirage Resort & Spa; 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](#)).

The 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.

The Ophelia is a program of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation. Ophelia has been operating in the desert for over 25 years and is very successful. Ophelia girls are identified in middle school as "at risk" for not completing high school and referred to the Ophelia Project. In partnership with school counselors and volunteers, girls receive adequate guidance towards success. The Ophelia Project has a 100% graduation rate and continues to increase their efforts to help girls transition to college.

**PRE-APPROVAL OF EVENTS:**

Description (Date and Location)	Council Member	Total Cost	Public Purpose
<b><i>It's a Girls World; Ophelia Project Annual Luncheon on Tuesday, March 18, 2025- 11:30 a.m. at the Westin Rancho Mirage Resort &amp; Spa</i></b>	Whitman	\$300 (2 tickets)	Section F (13)
	Penna	\$300 (2 tickets)	Section F (13)
	Sanders	\$125 (1 ticket)	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).)

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. 2025 Ophelia Luncheon Invitation