

INDIAN WELLS CITY COUNCIL

July 2, 2025



To: City Council
From: City Manager Department
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Subject: **Council Member Taylor Event Attendance**

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Council **APPROVES** Councilmember Taylor reimbursement for attendance at the Contact in the Desert on June 1, 2025; 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 Contact in the Desert is a non-profit conference dedicated to exploring the frontiers of knowledge in UAP, Artificial Intelligence, the future of technology and space travel, non-human intelligence, spirituality, and health & wellness.

| Description (Date and Location) | Council Member | Total Cost | Public Purpose |
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| Contact of the Desert- Sunday, June 1, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.- Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa, Indian Wells | Taylor | \$159 | 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 this expenditure 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).)