

RESOLUTION 2026-###

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO AUTHORIZING AN EVENT SPONSORSHIP OF \$2,000 TO HELMS MIDDLE SCHOOL (WITH BAY AREA COMMUNITY RESOURCES AS NON-PROFIT 501C(3) ORGANIZATION ACTING AS FISCAL AGENT) TO SUPPORT A WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP FOR HELMS MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH THE CLOSE UP PROGRAM

WHEREAS, *Build a Healthy Community: Foster Youth Leadership/Cultivation of the next generation of civic leaders* is an adopted policy item in the FY 2025-27 City Council Priority Work plan, effective April 7, 2025;

WHEREAS, this proposed action is not a project as defined by CEQA;

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2026, the City Manager's Office received a request from Tana Monteiro and Ray Hernandez, from Bay Area Community Resources (BACR) to support Helms Middle School students to go to Washington D.C. with the Close Up Program;

WHEREAS, this sponsorship will help support sending ten students and two school chaperones to Washington D.C. and Philadelphia for a week during Spring Break with the Close Up Program to learn about the nation's history, public services, and civic engagement;

WHEREAS, this will be the first time flying and away from home for many students and this trip helps support students in becoming independent, and to begin to think about what going away to college would be like, which will show students that they have the agency and confidence to attend college;

WHEREAS, the Close Up Program is an immersive program where students use the nation's capital as a living classroom, where they explore iconic sites and discover how the issues and ideals represented in them impact us today; and

WHEREAS, the Close Up Program provides interactive workshops and facilitated debates and deliberations for students to gain a deeper understanding of both historical and current issues, the importance of civil discourse, and their unique role in our political system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of San Pablo authorizes a sponsorship in the amount of \$2,000 to Bay Area Community Resources as the fiscal agent for the Washington D.C. trip for Helms Middle School students;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a total of \$30,000 has been budgeted and earmarked for Annual Event Sponsorships under the Adopted FY 2025-26 General Operating Budget – City Council Department (100-1110-44050). As those funds have

been exhausted, City Council approved an additional \$10,000 for FY 2025-26 Special Event Sponsorships via Resolution 2025-140. The authorized sponsorship in the amount of \$2,000 will be deducted from this account code leaving a remaining balance of \$5,000 in FY 2025-26 for future sponsorships approved by the City Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing recitations are true and correct and are included herein by reference as findings.

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ADOPTED this 17th day of February, 2026, by the following votes:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Dorothy Gantt, City Clerk

Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado, Mayor