



## Legislation Text

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Chief Administrative Office, Economic Development Division, recommending the Board consider the following:

- 1) Confirm the previous determination that a public benefit is derived from the Festival of the Americas Pow Wow cultural event; and
- 2) Authorize the Purchasing Agent to sign Amendment 1 to Funding Agreement #133-F1511 with Foothill Indian Education Alliance, Inc., extending the term of the Agreement to December 31, 2016, with no increase in financial contributions towards the event.

**FUNDING:** Transient Occupancy Tax.

**Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost**

There is no change to Net County Cost associated with this item. Funding is available in the Economic Development budget for this item.

**Reason For Recommendation**

The 2014 Festival of the Americas Pow Wow event was postponed because the originally scheduled event at the County Fairgrounds was preempted by the King Fire command center. Efforts to reschedule the event for the late summer, early fall of 2016 are underway. The event attracts multiple tribes from California, Oregon and Washington to the multi-day event.

The Festival of the Americas Pow Wow is a two-day cultural event designed to provide Native Americans an opportunity to embrace their culture through music, dance, ceremony and tradition, reinforcing the connection between person, tribe and community. For non-Native people, the event offers a glimpse into significant ceremonies and traditions based on reciprocity, respect, and reverence for all things and all people. During certain times, non-Native people are invited to participate in friendship and intertribal dances.

At its April 8, 2014 meeting, the Board of Supervisors heard a presentation from James Marquez, Executive Director of the Foothill Indian Education Alliance and Chair of the Festival of the Americas Committee and authorized a contribution in the amount of \$10,000 to provide financial support to the Festival of the Americas Pow Wow cultural event. Staff was directed to administer the contribution (Agenda Item No. 7, version 2).

The attached Amendment 1 to Funding Agreement #133-F1511 authorizes the Purchasing Agent to extend the term of the Agreement and update the contract Administrator information. There is no change to the financial support approved by the Board under this contract amendment.

**Action to be taken following Board approval:**

Following Board approval, Chief Administrative Office, Economic Development Division, will forward Funding Agreement to Procurement and Contracts Division for execution.

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