

## STAFF REPORT

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**Date:** February 12, 2020

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**Thru:** Sabra Newby, City Manager

**Subject:** **B.21. Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution donating Council Donation Funds to Our Center to support its mission to establish and maintain a safe, empowering, and supportive center in Northern Nevada that addresses advocacy, education and services of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community in Northern Nevada in the amount of \$500. (General Fund)**

**From:** Cynthia Esparza, Community Liaison

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**Summary:** Councilmember Oscar Delgado would like to allocate \$500 from Council Donation Funds assigned for Fiscal Year (FY) 19/20 to Our Center, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. This donation will support its mission and programs offered to the community.

**Financial Implications:** Funds are budgeted for Council Donations in the General Fund.

**Legal Implications:** NRS 268.028(1) states that the governing body of a city may make donations to nonprofit organizations created for religious, charitable or educational purposes to be used for a selected purpose. The donated funds must be used to provide a substantial benefit to the inhabitants of the city. Council approval is required before the recommended funds transfer can take place.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends Council adopt the Resolution.

**Proposed Motion:** I move to adopt the Resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**RESOLUTION DONATING COUNCIL DONATION FUNDS TO OUR CENTER TO SUPPORT ITS MISSION TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A SAFE, EMPOWERING, AND SUPPORTIVE CENTER IN NORTHERN NEVADA THAT ADDRESSES ADVOCACY , EDUCATION, AND SERVICES OF THE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER (LGBT) COMMUNITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500 (GENERAL FUND).**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Reno may donate funds in accordance with NRS 268.028, entitled "Expenditure of public money; grant of public money and donation of certain property to certain nonprofit organizations or governmental entities" when such expenditure provides a substantial benefit to the inhabitants of the City; and,

**WHEREAS**, Our Center, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, is dedicated to the support, education, and advocacy of the LGBT community in Northern Nevada, including its members, allies, and those confronted with sexual orientation and gender identity issues; and,

**WHEREAS**, Our Center strives to build, connect, and strengthen the LGBT community to celebrate diversity and sustain a thriving, community-based organization, whole empowering and supporting of LGBT people and allies in Northern Nevada; and,

**WHEREAS**, Our Center plays a key part in our community in promoting awareness and acceptance, providing a safe and accepting environment for members of the community and their allies, and advocate for equality of all individuals; and,

**WHEREAS**, Our Center also leads programming in the community including the homeless youth count and hosts community events for all to enjoy including participating in the Northern Nevada Pride Parade and Festival and the annual Harvey Milk Day event; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Reno approves the donation of the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) to Our Center to support its mission to establish and maintain a safe, empowering, and supportive center in Northern Nevada that addresses advocacy, education and services; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that should the above donation or any portion thereof not be used for the purpose as set forth in this Resolution, any unused funds shall be returned to the City of Reno.

Upon motion by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_, and seconded by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, by the following vote of the Council:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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HILLARY SCHIEVE  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ASHLEY D. TURNEY  
CITY CLERK