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Vice Mayor

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MOTION

WE MOVE that City Council create a Unity Fund for neighborhood events organized by community councils and/or other neighborhood groups. While the events may have another primary purpose, such events shall uplift the community, and strengthen bonds between neighbors. The City had a similar fund for community events several years ago. The Unity Fund will start with \$100,000 in seed money from the FY'25 Carryover Budget.

WE MOVE further that the administration establish criteria and an application process for distribution of the Unity Fund, as well as an ongoing refunding strategy.

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STATEMENT

City councilmembers receive numerous requests for funding for events in our 52 neighborhoods. While community councils receive Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) funds, such funds are not sufficient for many events that community councils would like to implement, and such funds do not help other groups to implement events in their neighborhoods.

The Unity Fund would assist community groups in executing events in their neighborhoods that would uplift the community and strengthen neighborhood bonds. With the help of the administration, an efficient process would be developed to address the requests for funding for neighborhood events.