ASIAN AMERICAN QUALITY OF LIFE COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATION #: 20220328-004c1

Date: March 28, 2022

Subject: Asian American Resource Center (AARC) Ballroom Divider

Motioned By: Fang Fang Seconded By: Vincent Cobalis

AARC BALLROOM DIVIDER

DESCRIPTION

This recommendation would fund the installation of room dividers in the Asian American Resource Center (AARC) Ballroom. This item is supported by the original Phase 1 Facility Master Plan to accommodate increased demand for mid-sized meeting space. During original construction of building, space was built with metal structure in place for future installation of partitions. The installation of the partitions will allow the ballroom to be separated into two to eight sections of multi-purpose dimensions for increase facility usage and flexibility. This was first proposed by the non-profit that founded the AARC to maximize the use of the ballroom for language classes, and the community continues to communicate the need to AARC staff.

The divider would provide more flexibility in meeting the needs of the community. It would also allow for more efficient use of the space by allowing concurrent use by smaller groups.

The cost to purchase and install the divider(s) is estimated to be one-time funding of $200,000. If funding is delayed, inflation and the rising cost of materials will likely make this item more expensive to purchase an install in the future.

DEPARTMENT

PARD/AARC

ALIGNMENT WITH COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Culture & Lifelong Learning: Quality of cultural venues, events, programs, and resources; Quality of lifelong learning opportunities.

Government That Works for All: Condition of City facilities and technology; Public engagement and participation; Equity of City programs and resource allocation.

VOTE

For: Kirk Yoshida, Fang Fang, Vince Cobalis, Hanna Huang, Sarah Chen, Azra Siddiqi, Meena Mutyala, Zahra Shakur Jamal-Hassan, and Kuo Yang.
Against: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: Pramod Patil, Pooja Sethi, and Salimah Shamsuddin.

Attest: Jeremy Garza, Staff Liaison, Equity Office: x Jeremy Garza