

ATTACHMENT 1



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Dear Members of the Culver City Council,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing on behalf of the Advisory Board, and we are requesting additional funding to enhance our upcoming Juneteenth and Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Day events in 2026.

Juneteenth Budget Request

We are deeply committed to hosting a meaningful Juneteenth celebration that honors Black history and culture, while also fostering community unity and inclusion. For the current fiscal year, we have been allocated \$20,000 to support this event. However, given the growing scope of this celebration and the increased costs associated with food, entertainment, and logistical support, we are respectfully requesting an additional **\$10,000** for Juneteenth programming in 2026.

This additional funding will be used to:

- Expand food offerings to better accommodate our growing audience.
- Increase the scale and diversity of entertainment, ensuring that we offer a wide range of cultural performances.
- Support the operational costs associated with a larger event space and enhanced community outreach.

MLK Day Budget Request

Similarly, we are seeking an additional \$10,000 in funding to support the MLK Day celebration in 2026. The funds will be used for:

- **Increased Food Budget:** To ensure that we can serve an expanded crowd, offering diverse and high-quality meals to attendees.
- **Entertainment Enhancements:** To provide a richer cultural experience, including live performances, speakers, and other activities that align with Dr. King's legacy of social justice and equality.

Both events are central to our mission of fostering inclusivity and promoting a deeper understanding of our shared history. They have become key pillars of the community's cultural calendar, and the requested funds will help ensure that they continue to grow and reach more people in the years ahead.

We are deeply grateful for the support Culver City has provided in the past, and we believe these additional investments will allow us to better serve our community and elevate the cultural

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significance of both Juneteenth and MLK Day. We respectfully request your consideration of our funding request and are available to discuss these needs further at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your time, and we look forward to continuing our partnership with the Culver City Commission.

Sincerely,
MLK / Juneteenth Committee

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