



**CITY OF MODESTO  
CULTURE COMMISSION AGENDA  
Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 6, 2026, 3:45-4:45 p.m.**

**McHenry Museum, 1402 I Street, Modesto, CA 95354**

**THIS MEETING WILL BE PHYSICALLY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**I. ROLL CALL:**

Chair Valenzuela, Vice Chair Johnson, Hilton Kaepf, Martinez, Power, Stevens and Zagone

**II. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION**

Committee Members and staff may now declare conflicts of interest related to any item on the agenda.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Three-minute time limit per speaker. Only interested persons in the audience may present these matters. Under State law, the Culture Commission may respond to matters being presented under this item only as follows:

- a. Briefly respond to statements made or questions raised.
- b. Ask a question for clarification.
- c. Provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information.
- d. Request staff to report back at a subsequent meeting.
- e. Finally, a Committee member or the Committee itself may take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

**IV. CONSENT ITEM**

An item may be removed from consent and discussed at the request of an audience member or Committee Member. Unless withdrawn from consent, items are approved at one time.

- a. Consider approving the minutes of the April 1, 2026 Regular Meeting.

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Community Education Opportunity: City Trees
- b. Renaming of César E. Chávez Park

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Approval of Community/Special Event or Program Grant Application

**VII. COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

- a. Landmark Preservation Committee
- b. Social Media Sub-Committee
- c. Poet’s Corner Annual Anthology Sub-Committee
- d. Cultural Services Manager Report
- e. City Staff Update

**VIII. MATTERS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA**

These may be presented by members of the Culture Commission and staff upon determination by a majority vote that an emergency exists, as defined by State law, or by a 2/3 vote that (1) there is a need to take immediate action, and (2) that the need for action came to the Culture Commission’s attention after the agenda was posted.

**IX. CURRENT AND UPCOMING CULTURAL EVENTS**

Downtown Modesto Art Walk – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month:

<http://modestoartwalk.com>

Event Media Sites:

<http://www.modestoview.com/catetory/event-calendar>

<https://www.galloarts.org>

<http://www.thestate.org>

<http://visitmodesto.com/calendar/default.asp>

<https://prospecttheaterproject.org/calendar/>

<https://www.operamodesto.org/>

<https://www.stanislausarts.org/gallery>

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at 3:45 p.m. at the McHenry Museum.

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**CITY OF MODESTO**  
**COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT**

**DATE OF MEETING:**  
**May 6, 2026**

Date: April 27, 2026

TO: Culture Commission

THROUGH: Jeremy Rogers, Director of Parks Recreation and Neighborhoods

FROM: Jessica Flores, Cultural Services Program Manager

SUBJECT: Renaming of César E. Chávez Park

CONTACT: Jessica Flores, Cultural Services Program Manager,  
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**DESCRIPTION:**

Consider the top ten most submitted name suggestions for the park located at 615 Sierra Drive, identifying up to three recommendations and forwarding to Council for approval.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ELEMENT:**

The recommended action supports the City's 2025-2026 Strategic Plan Initiatives: Promote trust and engagement between the community and the City by enhancing responsiveness, communicating broadly about City opportunities and challenges, and increasing public participation in municipal affairs.

**BACKGROUND:**

On March 23, 2026, the Culture Commission held a Special Meeting to address public concern regarding the name of César E. Chávez Park, located at 615 Sierra Drive. The Culture Commissioners motioned and approved to direct staff to initiate the process to review and evaluate a potential name change for César E. Chávez Park (Policy 6.005). On March 24, 2026, staff opened the 30-day public input period and made submission forms available online and in-person, in both English and Spanish. On April 9, 2026, a town hall meeting was held in District 2 at 529 California Ave in collaboration with the West Modesto Community Collaborative. Throughout the duration of the public input period, marketing efforts were undertaken through City social media accounts and the Modesto City News email, "newsblast". The public input period closed on April 24, 2026 with 474 suggestions received.

**DISCUSSION:**

Due to recent allegations concerning the conduct of César E. Chávez, community members contacted City staff to request the renaming of the park located at 615 Sierra Drive, currently “César E. Chávez Park”. Per the process outlined in City Council Policy 6.005, a park may be renamed at the direction of the Culture Commission. After a 30-day public input period, the Culture Commission will select no more than three (3) names, each with a brief reasoning report, to be sent to the City Council for its consideration. The final determination for the name of the park will be made by City Council.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is an anticipated cost of approximately \$10,000 to replace park signage displaying the park name that would be absorbed within the current Parks, Recreation and Neighborhoods Department Park Operations Fiscal Year 2025-26 operating budget.

**CEQA/NEPA REQUIREMENTS:**

This item does not constitute a “project” within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378 and requires no environmental review.

**RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE ACTION:**

**Staff Recommendations:**

Motion recommending the submission of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ as names for the park located at 615 Sierra Drive and forwarding to Council for approval.

Approved by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeremy Rogers, Director of Parks, Recreation  
and Neighborhoods

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph P. Lopez, City Manager

Reason for Name Suggestion
It's been known as 4street park for decades
That is the name we grew up to
Grew up in west Modesto and that is the only name i knew the park as. I married into the Figueroa family who lives down the street on Fresno Ave and we are still there our kids grew up going to the park who are now grown and married with a family of there own.
It was always known as 4st park
Memories of the 70's 80's
To bring back history.
Take it back in time
People still call it that
That's the name til this day
It's been known as that name
It was the name before Cesar Chavez
The community has historically referred to it as this.
It has always been referred to as 4th St Park as long as I can remember... and I'm 67!
As a kid that lived on Fresno this park was affectionately referred to as the 4th St. Park. Even as an adult when hearing about events you always hear it's happening at the 4th St Park and EVERYONE knows exactly where it is!
Tradition
That's what's it's mean known as for years I. Keep the history!
Know it by that name since I was a little girl
Brings back memories
It's been that forever
Everyone knows it as 4th st park that's what all call it to this day
Take it back in time
That's the name we grew up to
Growing up that is what what everyone called it
That was the original name I believe
It was originally the fourth Street park. I grew up on that side of town always knew it as a 4th St., Park hung out there with all my friends which we cruise the park as Low Rider back in the day.
Many people still considered it as 4th St Park even after the renaming and are passionate about keeping it named as such.
its original name growing up
Everyone knows it by that let's keep the rich history
We e always called it 4th st even when it was changed
I grew up near the park, and it used to be called 4th Street Park. I spent many happy years there in the early 50's.
Growing up across the Park in 1980 and it was always called 4th st Park. However it truly always was a community park without the name community.
Everyone in the west side calls that even when it was Cesar Chavez
It is not after a person which can get messy, and it embraces our history as the original name.
A lot of great memories there in the 70's and 80's
I grew up on the west side, it's always been 4th Street Park to me.
Traditional name
This name has a historical significance with is local community.
It just make sense. It on 4th street and thats what everyone calls it.
It was called 4th Street park when I was growing up and so many others know it as that as well so let's keep the traditional name
From my understanding, It was the original name of that park
Then everyone knows where to find it
I believe it was named this before
This is the park name I have heard most often from West Modesto community members, when referencing this park. It has still held significance in the neighboring community, even after the park was renamed "Cesar E. Chavez"
It represents a culture, and its legacy should live on with the new and improved park.
I feel it should revert back to it's previous name. 4th Street Park. It has always been known as 4th Street Park.
That is the original name (1910.) It would be restoration of the name, include "4th Street", which was an original street in the city plan, is not a controversial name, includes the whole city, not a specific ideology or trent.
It is known for that name
That's what we all know this park by so it's fitting.
That's what we all call it already
Always has been known as 4th street park
Return to the name many knew
I was offered input
Because its on 4th street
No more naming after humans that are cancelled. Who knows if the new name will last if they too are cancelled.
This was the name of the park before it was changed and is what long time residents still call it.
It's what we always caller it
This was the original name.
Used to call it 4th Street Park and there wasn't an issue.
Having lived a good portion of my life on the West side of Modesto, it was 4th Street Park and it should still be called 4th Street Park.
It's what everyone calls it anywas
People still call it that to this day
Because it has always been that and it's historical

## Name Suggestion: 4th Street Park

It's been 4th street forever
Back to the original name
This Park has been forever known as 4th Street Park, even when it was called Cesar Chavez Park. There's so much history with this park dating back And many Modesto residents will agree
Keep ur original
Everyone wants it and knows it as 4th street park
Since I've moved here in 1998 from San Jose every one I know has called it 4th street park. No one ever said meet me at CCP
Keep it original history
All my life that the name we always called it
Group up in the area all my life since 1964 we could it 4th st
I lived in Modesto since 1985 and that is what we have always called it.
I'm 48 years old ever since I've was a kid that was a name. I was told about this park from living in the neighborhood at one point to also go to school near there but also attending the weight room there always referred to it as 4th street park
I have lived in the Modesto/Ceres area 69 years, everyone I know still refers to this park . The 4th Street Park.
I grew up around the corner, over 40 years ago. We have always called it 4th street park. You should stick with what the neighborhood already knows and has always used.
The name is intuitive when people are invited to an event. It also prevents any future issues that come up if it's named after a person who is thin found to have some negative history. 4th St., Park would never have to be renamed.
This is what the Park was known as for history. It better identifies the location and lneighborhood.
That's how everyone has always referred to when talking about that park. My fondest memories growing up happened there over and over year
Lifelong resident and was always the name of the park until changed. Also retiree from the city, and worked the west side of town many years. Everyone knew where 4th Street Park was without question.
Return it to what it is alrwady known as by the people who live near it.
and any of these names work they represents a location, with fourth Street and also West side Modesto. I can understand west side maybe something that you guys don't like. But people in the west side would appreciate it.
It's simple and everyone can relate to the location
It's has always been known as 4th st park
Been that name forever
It's always been 4 street park
I used to live across from this park years ago. This was what we called even when it was changed to Ceasar Chavez a lot of people who knew of the park continued to call it Fourth Street Park.
That is only name that I ever remember it being called. Made it easy to find and remember.
I have lived near this park for about 30 years and we would come here a lot when it was fourth street park. It just brings back special memories of my childhood.
It makes it easy to remember the location and the name of the oark.
"Fourth Street Park" was the name for years. Why not now? At least it can't be tainted by scandal.
Growing up, that was its name and I feel we should go back to that.
It was called Fourth Street Park before. It's what people know it by.
I would love that name because more than thirty years ago that's what my family would call it. We had bbqs in the summer and played on the playground year round. That park holds a special memory from childhood. I love that park!

## Name Suggestion: Carl Bryant Jr. Park

### Reason for Name Suggestion

Carl was a man of integrity who served this area in many ways as pastor, coach, mentor, and role model.

Great man! Great pastor.

A man of God!

Carl Bryant was a man who poured out his heart to this area of Modesto. He grew up here, started his family here and mentored and coached many of the youth in Modesto. He is a man who loved on all people. He did many facilitated many events for the homeless at the church he pastored at for over 20 years. He also loved the community on the West side of Modesto. Carl Bryant is a faithful servant of God who worked tirelessly for God's people for most of his adult life.

Because it deserves a name that really matters to its community.

Carl was well known and well liked in the community and a man of great integrity. He coached many and many loved him.

This man has made a meaningful impact on my life. He was not only my track coach but a grandfather figure for me and my siblings. I love him dearly and he deserves the world. He's not just impacted my life so hundreds of more over the years.

Carl was a big name in our community and coached and ministered to many. He did so with compassion and integrity and it just seems fitting.

A godly & honorable man that has done the community well by showing up, supporting numerous children to better for their future. Dedication takes practice, time, energy & commitment.

He has had a huge impact in the community as a pastor and as a coach.

To honor the contribution and impact Carl Bryant has had on this community. To promote the value he exemplifies to inspire the next generation to do the same.

He has been an area community pastor and advocate for the community

## Name Suggestion: Cesar E. Chavez Park

### Reason for Name Suggestion

Porque este parque ya estaba ubicado en este lugar Cortes

Creo que el nombre del parque no debería cambiarse debido a las acusaciones en su contra. Puede que haya cometido un error grave, pero eso no cambia la forma en que contribuyo a mejorar la vida de muchos trabajadores agrícolas inmigrantes.

En mi opinion yo dijo que dejen el nombre de el por que el iso un gran impacto de nosotros los inmigrantes. Tambien el ayudo a los agricultores con los derechos. Nosotros podemos ver a Cesar Chavez como un ejemplo por lo que iso para nosotros.

Cero que debriamos mantener el nomber de Cesar Chavez en los parques porque ha hecho mucho por los Immigrantes.Tambien el no puede defenderde porque esta muerto.

Es injusto cambiar el nombre de las escuelas de César Chávez porque él ya no está aquí para defenderse de estas acusaciones, y debemos honrar su legado histórico sin borrarlo.

El nombre del parque debería ser el mismo porque honra al movimiento de los trabajadores agrícolas y a él mismo de derechos civiles que lucho por los derechos de los trabajadores agrícolas.

escribe un correo electronico para dejar el nombre de el parque de chesar chavez, Digo esto porque no hay ninguna prueba real en su contra; solo hay gente lanzando acusaciones, y él ni siquiera está aquí para defenderse. Cualquier mujer puede hacer una acusación así y arruinarle la vida a alguien.

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Yo digo que no deben de cambiar el nombre porque ese parque ya ha tenido mucho tiempo con el nombre se César Chavez. Si, estuvo mal lo que el hizo pero si van a cambiar el nombre de el parque tambien cambien las calles que tienen los nombres de personas importante.

It's all hearsay. Keep it as it's been. Nobody seriously cares. Let's not dive into political correctness or we gonna end up like the Bay Area standing upon their moral self righteousness.

No reason to change the name for unsubstantiated accusations

## Name Suggestion: Charlie Crane Park

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## Name Suggestion: Charlie Crane Park

As one of the first Black families to move to Modesto, Charlie Crane faced immeasurable scrutiny and racism in the community, and on the job. He turned that hate into love through spiritual teachings, educational teaching, and community volunteerism. Charlie has mentored so many in Modesto, started a group home for troubled youth that ran on the west side of Modesto for many years, chaplain for the Modesto Police Department where he was affectionately called "Charlie Chaplain" or "Chaplain Charlie," chaplain for community hospice, and currently at ninety years of age, chaplain for the community Vets center where he is a Korean War Veteran. A Living Example of Community Values: His spiritual teachings, educational outreach, and volunteerism have mentored countless individuals, shaping the moral fabric of the community. A park is a place of community, growth, and rest—a fitting tribute to a man whose entire life has been devoted to fostering these very ideals in Modesto. By naming a park after Charlie Crane, the city would be celebrating a true local hero and setting a permanent, visible standard for compassion, courage, and service for generations to come. It would be a profound and meaningful way to recognize his indelible mark on our city. War Veteran.

To recognize Charlie Crane is not merely to offer an honorific; it is an act of civic conscience. His impact extends far beyond the walls of his church. As a chaplain for the Modesto Police Department and Hospice, he was the quiet strength comforting families in their darkest hours—a service that demands profound emotional labor and spiritual fortitude. His founding of the group home for boys and girls represents a direct investment in Modesto's future, a proactive measure that saved countless young lives from instability and set them on a path toward productive citizenship. His lifelong commitment, exemplified by his continued service at ninety years old, is a rare and precious asset. Naming a public space, a street, or a landmark after Charlie Crane would permanently etch this spirit of selfless service into the physical landscape of the city, creating an enduring symbol of the compassion and dedication Modesto values and inspiring future generations to live up to his remarkable standard. As a Korean War Veteran, Charlie has dedicated his life to the service of others in Modesto. Voluntarily giving of himself spiritually (chaplain, free funeral services, free wedding officiant), financially, and physically. At ninety years old, Charlie continues to give and be a beacon of light to Modestans and that is why he should have his name, his legacy as part of Modesto.

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Charlie served young people as a local pastor in Westside Modesto and started Uncle Charlie's Group Homes for Boys, and for Girls. At 90, he's the oldest living pastor in Modesto. He's served as Modesto Police Chaplain, a community hospice chaplain, and mentored many young people. In his earlier years, he was the first black employee and supervisor of UPS.

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### Reason for Name Suggestion

She is the true embodiment of all that Chavez was supposed to represent to this day.

She is the true person we should be celebrating. She worked tirelessly for our farmworkers. Keep the park honoring a Mexican American farm working hero!

She was a founding and vital member of the farm workers movement

She was more important than the abuser.

She helped the movement and stayed silent despite being taken advantage of to continue the movement

She co-founded the United Farm Workers union, as well as advocated for women's rights and environmental justice. She created the rallying cry "sí, se puede"

Dolores Huerta is an American labor leader and feminist activist. After working for several years with the Community Service Organization, she co-founded the National Farm Workers Association.

She was a real advocate for the community.

She is an American labor leader and feminist activist. We are in need of uplifting strong women!

Dolores Huerta deserves recognition for her work and support of the United Farm Workers Movement. It is important we still honor the things accomplished by this movement by those who were key to its success. Dolores Huerta is still an inspiration to many especially young women.

Un nombre que pienso que es mas mejor para el parque de Cesar Chávez es el parque de Dolores Huerta. Ella después de todo lo que le paso en su vida, todavía quería ayudar a los trabajadores agrícolas y también los inmigrantes. Ella merece ser recordada y una forma que puede ser es con el renombre del parque de Cesar Chávez a el parque de Dolores Huerta.

Quisiera a suiger un nombre para el parque. Quisiera que el nombre del parque que sería Dolores Huerta por que Huerta no tenía miedo a decir la verdad de su relación con César Chávez. Ella es una persona que podemos aprender sus lecciones y luchar para la sociedad.

Agradecería cambiar su ayuda con renombrar el parque de Cesar E. Chavez a el parque de Dolores Huerta. Este nombre le quedaria mejor al parque para honrar los trabajadores agrícolas que Dolores Huerta ayudo.

Common Sense! How is it even up for debate!?

Co-Founders of United Farm Workers

We should honor her instead of Chavez in all situations. She fought the same things but was overshadowed by him.

She co-founded the UFW with Chavez

Naming the park Dolores Huerta Park, gives credit to the people that worked relentlessly on the farm workers movement. Given the the recent testimony from Dolores Huerta herself, this would give credit to someone from the movement that is more deserving. We do not need to wait for her to pass away to do this. Let's empower new generations of women by giving this park Dolores Huerta's name.

She was the co-founder of United Farm Workers

Dolores Huerta cofounded the National Farm Worker's Association with Cesar Chavez and dedicated her life to activism.

In the spirit of the original name and intent; Ms. Huerta also was one of the founders of the UFW

Do you I really need to explain this? It seems kind of obvious to me. She was vital to the farmworkers' labor fight has always had to live in the shadow of the man we no longer deem worthy enough to honor. Maybe it's about time someone honor Huerta.

Amazing woman who doesn't get enough credit for her contribution to this movement!

Although she was the victim she played a crucial role in the movement

Its the logical replacement name.

She is such an icon for women, the Latinx community and for standing up for what is right.

Let's honor her legacy instead

Dolores Huerta, a legendary co-founder of the UFW and a victim of that abuse, remains a powerful living icon of the farmworker movement. Honoring her allows the city to pay tribute to the movement's achievements without alienating the 45.4% Hispanic population of Modesto and the over 70% Hispanic population surrounding the park. The quick move to rename the park on Sierra Drive highlights a disparity in how we handle historical figures. While the allegations against Chavez are serious and deeply personal, many feel the city is moving faster here because it is an easier 'win' than challenging more established or non-minority figures with similar histories. Transitioning the name to Dolores Huerta offers a way to honor our Hispanic community—which makes up 60% of this neighborhood—without ignoring the call for accountability.

She did a lot for the farm working community, which my family & I were a big part of. Not to mention she's someone to look up to as a female Latina.

Sugiero el nombre "Parque Dolores Huerta" en honor a Dolores Huerta, una líder importante en la lucha por los derechos de los trabajadores agrícolas. Este nombre reconoce sus contribuciones y le rinde homenaje.

As to renaming the park, I think that Dolores Huerta Park would be a good name. This way, the voices and memories of the survivors of César Chávez are remembered and recognized.

## Name Suggestion: Dolores Huerta Park

El parque debería llamarse Dolores Huerta, ya que desempeñó un papel importante en la ley de derechos civiles y muchas mujeres todavía la tienen como modelo a seguir. César Chávez cumplió con su parte al luchar por los derechos de los trabajadores agrícolas. Sin embargo, no debemos permitir que los jóvenes ni nadie en general normalicen el elogio a una figura que ha cometido actos perjudiciales contra mujeres jóvenes.

Sugiero que el parque sea renombrado como, el parque de Dolores Huerta. Mi razonamiento para este cambio de nombre para el parque es que Dolores Huerta es una activista laboral para los inmigrantes y es una feminista. Dolores Huerta es igual de importante para nuestra rica historia en los Estados Unidos por proteger los derechos de los trabajadores agrícolas y los derechos de las mujeres. Por lo tanto, esa es la razón por la que yo creo que deberían renombrar el parque de César Chávez a el parque es que Dolores Huerta.

El nombre que creo que es mejor para el parque es Dolores Huerta por que ella también estaba trabajando para ayudando a las personas por su ayuda también cambio entornos de trabajo.

Yo creo que pueden a renombrar el parque "Dolores Huerta" porque también trabajo con Chavez en la National Farm Workers Association, y ella es la persona que Chavez asaltado. Ella es muy importante en el movimiento de ayuda a los agricultores migrantes.

Creo que deberíamos cambiar el nombre del parque a Parque Dolores Huerta yo creo que ella no recibe el reconocimiento que merece por todo lo que ha hecho además, pienso que sería muy positivo tener un parque que lleve el nombre de una mujer una líder sindical y activista feminista.

La razón porque decidí el nombre de Dolores para el parque es por que ella paso por muchas injusticias por la causa de César Chávez y ella no más quería proteger el movimiento que se estaba haciendo por los trabajadores de agricultura y por eso se quedó callada por muchos años. Pero ahora hay que hacerle su justicia que merece por su gran sacrificio que hizo por todos los trabajadores.

En cuanto al cambio de nombre del parque, considero que «Parque Dolores Huerta» sería una buena opción. De este modo, se recordarían y reconocerían las voces y los recuerdos de los sobrevivientes de César Chávez.

Sugiero el nombre Dolores Huerta, ella es poco reconocida. Nombrar el parque Dolores Huerta promocionaría la igualdad de género.

Ms Huerta used her courageous voice to speak the truth about a heinous crime against her.

These were all the other contenders listed first from most popular to least. We canvassed over 100 homes in the streets neighboring Cesar Chavez Park, got these names from ideas, held a meeting for voting, and then canvassed more for votes. This how the direct community feels about renaming the park!

Justice

Ms. Huerta was one of the most important people in the farm workers civil rights movement to spearhead the successful farm workers union allowing for farm worker rights and better wages.

Un nombre que sugiero es "Huerta Park" porque ella también es muy importante, ayudo y sacrificio mucho.

Deberíamos llamarlo "Huerta park", porque ella ha luchado por los derechos de los inmigrantes, de las mujeres y de la comunidad LGBTQ+

## Name Suggestion: Farm Workers Park

### Reason for Name Suggestion

It fits and is not tied to an individual.

that more explicitly honor farmworkers and their legacy

Keeping in spirit with the United Farm Workers. That was what Cesar Chavez was all about. Be a shame to take something away from the folks who brought wealth to our county through their labor (exploitation).

Farmworkers deserve recognition for their contribution to society

This new name will honor the farm workers in the Central Valley that have given everything to sustain the valley's agricultural industry. The strength, dedication, and hard work that farm workers provided and provide for us today should not be diminished because because of the recent news surrounding Cesar Chavez. While these reports are serious, they do not erase the collective struggles, sacrifices, and achievements of the farm worker movement as a whole.

It still gives tribute to the people who benefitted from the work of Chavez without mentioning his name.

TO CONTINUE THE THEME OF WITCH IT WAS FOUNDED ON

This was the most popular name between 50-60 neighbors of 4th street park that participated in a poll. Consistently we heard that people want the park to maintain a connection to latinos and hispanos, especially recognizing our contribution to our community and economy. People felt cesar chavez still represented farm workers and this is one way that we can continue that tradition.

Creo que el parque debería ser rebautizado como " Farmworker Park" para que asi podamos seguir honrando al movimiento obrero en su conjunto en lugar de a una sola persona.

It wasn't about Cesar Chavez it was about the farmworker movement

keeping the spirit of the Latino and other cultures contribution to our Central Valley Agriculture

As a farmworker I believe this name is an inclusive reform for the prior name. It also highlights a good work ethic as well as community.

It still honors the collective struggle of the farm workers, their families and what they stood for

There were/are many racial/ethnic and cultural groups working the fields and part of the struggle for farm workers rights. Latinos, Native Americans, Blacks, Whites, Filipinos, Japanese and others. This name would be a tribute to them, the whole struggle of all involved of providing the food sources.

legal Justice for farm workers hard work, without the pepofile seal its been going by!

To recognize the people Cesar E Chavez fought for.

Honoring our farmworkers

Creo que el parque debería ser renombrado para honrar a los trabajadores agrícolas que han contribuido tanto a nuestra comunidad. Un nombre como " Parque de los Campesinos" representaría mejor su esfuerzo, sacrificio y dedicación.

Looks like they're going to love it , I played there as a child

Para reconocer a los que trabajan en el campo

The Union fought hard for the rights of farm workers. It would be a disservice if we remove the recognition entirely.

Sugiero el nombre "Parque de la Comunidad Unida" . Creo que este nombre es importante porque representa la union, el respeto y la diversidad de nuestra comunidad. Ademas, es un nombre positivo que puede inspirar a las personas que visitan el parque.

Recognition of History and honors the United Farm Workers, and the critical role in advocating for the rights and fair treatment and better working conditions for farm laborers

In my opinion, the park should've been named after the farmworkers to begin with not after somebody that was just leading the march in later, found out that he didn't deserve to be on the park name to begin with

It should still commemorate the Farm Workers who work so hard and do backbreaking work for minimum wages at farms. They should still be celebrated although Cesar Chavez is no longer.

This was the 2nd most popular name between 50-60 neighbors of 4th street park that participated in a poll

## Name Suggestion: Modesto Community Park

### Reason for Name Suggestion

The name Modesto Central Park reflects the park's role as a primary gathering place at the heart of the community. As one of the most significant and currently renovated parks in the city, it serves as a central hub for events, recreation, and daily use by residents from all areas of Modesto. The name is simple, recognizable, and timeless, making it easy for residents and visitors alike to identify and refer to.

It's has park and the city's name

This would be a tribute to "all" the residents of Modesto as opposed to favoring a single person.

Timeless

Yo creo que el nombre Modesto Fun Grounds es un nombre bien porque ay muchos cosas a ser que es divertido!

It's sounds like a nice name

Creo que este nombre es bueno porque es corto y mucha gente no tendrá problema con él. Dado que el parque constituye una forma de demostrar que estamos mejorando Modesto —que Modesto está realmente progresando y que, de hecho, le espera un futuro brillante—, no solo estamos dotando a Modesto de mejores espacios, sino que estamos mejorando la ciudad en su conjunto. Es por ello que el nombre «Modesto Park» encarnará precisamente ese espíritu.

Yo creo aue deben nombrar el parque "Modesto United" porque va a ser un parque donde mucha gente de Modesto se reuna y basicamente lo dice en el nombre.

Sugiero el nombre "Modestos Parque Comunidad Unida". Creo que este nombre debería tenerse en cuenta porque representa la importancia de la unidad y la diversidad.

reflects the entire community, promotes inclusivity and shared identity, avoids controversy while remaining respectful, and aligns with the park's purpose as a modern space for recreation, events, and bringing people together.

It's near downtown

## Name Suggestion: Si Se Puede Park

### Reason for Name Suggestion

Its important for the name to reflect the Latino community

It preserves culture, upholds honor for the movement that continues to provide hope, and shows respect for the BIPOCC community

Because it represents the United Farm Workers Union in a whole. Not just one specific person. It's a saying they used.. "Yes, we can". You were going to use Cesar Chavez name for what he helped do for UFW but he wasn't the only person. I think it should be named something that represents the whole Union for what they accomplish. -Thank you for asking for suggestions.

The reason I feel the name "Si Se Puede Park" ,would be the best name for this park is because that term and quote alone holds alot of meaning and sends out a positive message of hope,history and the inspiration to continue forward. Let's not be oblivious to the fact that this park is in a neighborhood where nearly 85% are of Latino decent and it is located and surrounded by neighborhoods that are plagued with gangs,drugs and crime, that's in a close proximity to it. So to be a child or youth that lives close to that neighborhood,the odds are already stacked against them but to see that park daily and to see the name of it "Si Se Puede Park" will most definitely encourage not only kids,youth but adults as well ,to continue forward like the many people that did before them in the struggle and movement of farm workers rights because at the end of the day it can be done!

### Keeps in alignment with the cause of farmworkers

To honor the UFW farmworkers through their slogan, which embodies the perseverance required to overcome unfair labor practices. It is important to preserve that same spirit of association. While an individual connected to the movement can be removed because of serious allegations, that should not diminish the political achievements and collective struggle that motivated the renaming of 4th Street Park in the first place.

## Name Suggestion: Sierra Drive Park

### Reason for Name Suggestion

Named after the street the park is on.

Un nombre para el parque que me gusta es "Sierra dr Park". Esta nombre es mas facil y conveniente porque podemos saber adonde encontrar el parque.

Thats one of the roads that borders the park

Straightforward, obvious, neutral. No political posturing, no virtue signaling, and have done with it.

It's on Sierra Street

The street Sierra Rd. has its name from the nearby landscape and mountains.

Sierra Park because its on Sierra Drive or Hopkins for Railroad co-founder Mark Hopkins Jr. proposed naming the town after Ralston

## Name Suggestion: West Side Park

### Reason for Name Suggestion

Yo creo que un nombre bueno para el parque seria west side community park por que dice donde esta el parque.

Yo creo que un buen nombre para el parque seria West Side Community Park. Yo creo que este seria un buen nombre porque no lleva el nombre de alguien y represente la comunidad de Modesto.

The park is located on the west of Modesto it makes it seem more welcoming

It's on the West Side and celebrates the West Side.

The name has roots to the older generation and current generation as that is what it has been referred to for decades. It also correlates with the Chicano culture that have contributed to the cleanup and restoration of the park.

El nombre del parque debería cambiarse a West Side Park, ya que no idolatra a nadie y es solo un lugar para la comunidad. También indica lo que somos en esta ciudad.

It was the town calls it

It is the historical name since the 1900's when it was dedicated to the people of that area. It was not for one particular ethnic group, it was for the citizens of Stanislaus County on the Westside. Many of our early immigrants were from not only Mexico, but Portugal, Spain, Italy, Ireland, England, Germany, Switzerland, Holland etc... All citizens no matter their ethnicity should be celebrated and respected, not just one. Don't name it after one person, name it for all citizens that are welcomed to enjoy the park.

Yo pienso que un buen nombre para el parque es Westside Latin. A mi me gusta este nombre para el parque porque pienso que es buena idea representar a los Latinos por lo que ha estado pasando con ellos. Siento que les daría gusto saber que hay un parque que puede representar a los Latinos.

The park has never officially been named "4th Street Park" in the past. The site has only ever been formally "Westside Park" in the past.



**CITY OF MODESTO**  
**COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT**

**DATE OF MEETING:**  
**May 6, 2026**

Date: April 27, 2026

TO: Culture Commission

THROUGH: Jeremy Rogers, Director of Parks Recreation and Neighborhoods

FROM: Jessica Flores, Cultural Services Program Manager

SUBJECT: Approval of Community/Special Event or Program Grant Application for a Juneteenth Special Event

CONTACT: Jessica Flores, Cultural Services Program Manager,  
jeflores@modestogov.com, 209-961-5231

**DESCRIPTION:**

Consider the submission of Community/Special Event or Program Grant Application for a Juneteenth special event and forwarding to Council for approval.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ELEMENT:**

This item supports the City of Modesto's 2025-2026 Strategic Plan Goal I: Promote trust and engagement between the community and the City by enhancing responsiveness, communicating broadly about City opportunities and challenges, and increasing public participation in municipal affairs.

**BACKGROUND:**

On August 25, 2025 the applicant Deborah Sullivan submitted a Community/Special Event or Program Grant Application for Juneteenth on Saturday, June 15, 2026 to be held at Graceada Park – Mancini Bowl located at 401 Needham Street, Modesto, CA 95354. The applicant is requesting \$2,500 in City in-kind support and \$2,200 in grant funding for the event.

**DISCUSSION:**

This item meets the qualifications of AD 3.8 to support events, programs and services that benefit residents of the City of Modesto. The City of Modesto in the past has provided in-kind support or financial support for community events.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Awards of in-kind grants for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 are limited to \$50,000 in-kind and are incorporated in multiple Department operating budgets (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhoods, Police, Fire, Public Works, and Community and Economic Development). Grant awards of funding for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 are limited to \$50,000 and are budgeted in Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood's Administration budget (0100-31010-54920). The applicant is requesting \$2,500 in in-kind support and \$2,200 in grant funding for the event.

**CEQA/NEPA REQUIREMENTS:**

This item does not constitute a "project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378 and requires no environmental review.

**RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE ACTION:**

**Staff Recommendations:**

Motion recommending the approval of the Community/Special Event or Program Grant Application for Juneteenth for \$2,500.00 City in-kind support and \$2,200.00 grant funding and forwarding to Council for approval.

Approved by:

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Jeremy Rogers, Director of Parks, Recreation  
and Neighborhoods

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Joseph P. Lopez, City Manager

Community Special Event and Program Grant Application

Instructions

Please review the event criteria, organizer criteria, event/program guidelines, and award criteria to confirm eligibility. Applicants should complete the required addendums in advance and be prepared to upload them at the time the online form is completed. Addendums include the following: A) Narrative/Proposal B) Event/Program Production History / Examples, C) Event/Program Budget\*, D) In-Kind Calculation Worksheet\*, and E) Business & Non-Profit Disclosures.

\*Templates and forms are on the City's website at: <https://www.modestogov.com/3150/Community-and-Special-Event-Grants>

Section 1-BASIC INFORMATION

<b>Applicant Name</b>	Deborah [REDACTED]
<b>Application Organization</b>	King Kennedy Memorial Center Inc
<b>Title of Event or Program</b>	Juneteenth
<b>Type of Event or Program</b>	Educational history of Black victories and struggles
<b>Date(s) of Event or Program</b>	06/15/2026
<b>Location of Event or Program</b>	Graceada Park 401 Needham St. Modesto, CA
<b>Two Line description of Event or Program</b>	This event is consisted of music and singer and dancers using bands equipment and sound systems on stage. Local vendors such as Food and muchase selling hand made products. and information booths for community awareness. Children corner for families to enjoyed bouch house and face painting. Give-aways like books from local Liberty and gift baskets with.
<b>Planned Event/Program Attendance</b>	1000
<b>Planned Event/Program Budget</b>	6321
<b>City In-Kind Support Requested (\$1,000-\$5,000 - See Section Five for Calculator):</b>	<del>6000</del> 2500
<b>City Funding Requested (\$1,000-\$5,000):</b>	<del>5000</del> 2250

Event expenses NOT eligible for City funding include, but are not limited to:

- Permit Fees
- Application Fees
- Inspection Fees
- Fees for City Services or Staff

- Alcohol Permits/Licenses
- Purchase/Sale of Alcohol
- Scholarships
- Charitable Donations
- Travel and Transportation Expenditures
- Hospitality Expenditures – Food, beverages, and decorations
- Purchase of permanent equipment or capital expenditures
- Staff salaries and benefits
- Cash awards, incentives, prizes or plaques

Total In-Kind & Funding Requested (Not to exceed \$10,000): 10000

% of Total In-Kind & Funding to Event/Program Budget: 10

Address of Applicant:

Telephone

Alternate Telephone:

Email Address:



**SECTION 2 – EVENT IMPACT**

**Provide a full description of the event or program, including its purpose, history, and all planned activities.**

Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, is a celebration of the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States. The event serves as a time of remembrance, education, and unity honoring the struggles and resilience of African Americans, while also celebrating freedom, culture, and progress. The purpose of this Juneteenth event is to bring the community together to reflect on history, celebrate African American heritage, and inspire continued efforts toward equality and justice. The historic Emancipation Proclamation (1863) President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation declaring enslaved people in Confederate states to be free, but enforcement on Union military advances. June 19, 1865 (Galveston, Texas) Union General Gordon Granger arrived and announced General Order No. 3, officially enforcing emancipation in Texas, the last state with significant numbers of enslaved African Americans. From 1866 onward, African American communities across the U.S. have marked Juneteenth with festivals, music, food, and gatherings. In 2021, it became a federal holiday, recognized nationwide as a day of reflection and celebration of freedom. Planned Activities 1. Opening Ceremony Welcome remarks by the president and community leaders. Singing of the Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing" Historical storytelling and dramatizations of the Emancipation announcement, Local authors and poets sharing spoken word pieces. Live music (gospel, blues, jazz, and R&B performances) community choirs. Children's area with crafts, face painting, and jumpers for the children. Food and Vendors with traditional soul food, barbecue, and local vendors showcasing African American owned businesses with Juneteenth merchandise and cultural art displays. Resource booths for local nonprofits and civic organizations. Health screening, voter registration and community support information. Unity parade celebrating freedom and cultural pride.

**How does this event or program benefit the community at large?**

Educates people of all backgrounds about the legacy of slavery, emancipation, and the continued struggle for freedom and equality. Also, helps younger generations connect with their heritage and understand the importance of justice and resilience. Brings together diverse groups in a shared space to celebrate freedom and culture.



**What is your target audience?**

African American community members those who view Juneteenth as a cultural and historical celebration of freedom, heritage, and resilience. Families' parents and children looking for educational, cultural, and family friendly activities. Local community members of all backgrounds people interested in history, culture, and community connection. Schools, colleges, and youth programs looking to teach and engage with history outside the classroom. Community leaders & activists those invested in civic engagement, social justice, and equity. Local businesses & vendors especially Black-owned businesses that want to participate or sponsor. Faith based organizations churches and ministries often play a big role in Juneteenth traditions. My target audience is multi-generational multicultural, and community focused with special emphasis on African American families, youth, educators, and allies who want to celebrate freedom learn and build unity.

**How does this event or program support economic development in/around Modesto?**

Hosting a Juneteenth program in Modesto, California, can support local economic development in multiple tangible ways. I'll lay out some to fit mechanism using Modesto special data where possible am more general economic development models.

**How will this event or program be promoted?**

I will promote Juneteenth Program with community partnerships like partnering with local churches, schools, NAACP bench, and cultural/community groups they have built in audiences. Reach out to Black owned businesses and invite them as vendors/sponsors, in return. The'll help spread the word. Work with the City of Modesto's community events calendar, chamber of Commerce and Library system. Create event pages on Facebook, Instagram and Eventbrite with striking visual. Submit press releases to the Modesto Bee, Modesto View and local radio (like KHOP 95.1, KWIN 97.7)

**What other organizations are committed to supporting this event or program through the provision of funding or in-kind support?**

Local businesses/ black owned businesses willing to sponsor/vendor fees. City of Modesto's Community Services or Arts & Culture departments,



**SECTION 3: ADDENDUMS (Supporting Documents)**

**ADDENDUM A - Narrative/Proposal**

JUNETEENTH STAGE LINE UP JUNE 19 2025 Riverbank.xlsx

**ADDENDUM B - Applicant's Event Production History/Examples**

BUDGET juneteenth june 15 2025.docx

**ADDENDUM C - Event Production History/Examples**

JUNETEENTH STAGE LINE UP JUNE 19 2025.xlsx

**ADDENDUM D - In -Kind Calculation Worksheet**

2023 Annual Donation letter.docx

**Addendum E - Business and Non-Profit Disclosures**

Form 199N 2022 (1) (2) (1).pdf

KKBOD 4506-B Form (1).pdf



**SECTION 4: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

If an application is awarded, in-part or in whole, the Awardee hereby agrees that:



- The activities and services for which assistance is sought will be administered under the supervision of the applicant.
- The applicant has read and will conform to the program guidelines.
- The applicant will expend funds received as a result of the application solely on the project and programs described herein.
- Any funds received under this application shall not be used to supplant any budgeted funds.
- The applicant organization will comply with all laws, acts, ordinances, and requirements of the City of Modesto, County of Stanislaus, and the State of California. The applicant organization further fares that no person will be excluded from participation or be denied the benefits of any program, activity or service on the basis of race, sex, sexual preference, color, religion, ancestry, age, national origin, or disability. The applicant further agrees to make every attempt to ensure the program is accessible to persons with disabilities.
- The figures, facts and representations in this application, including all exhibits and attachments, are true and correct to the best of its knowledge and belief.
- Failure to follow these guidelines will disqualify you for future grants.
- Cancellation of funded projects will result in forfeiture of funds and funds must be returned within sixty (60) days of the scheduled event.

**Acknowledgement** • Yes

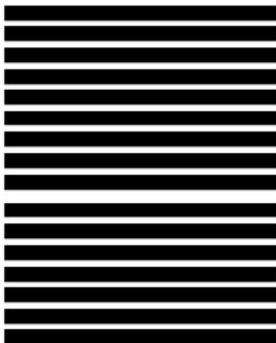
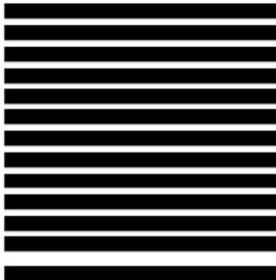
**Applicant affirms grant funding is subject to available funding and not guaranteed** • Yes

**Applicant affirms they must present a final report to the City of Modesto within 90 days of the completion of the event. Failure to submit the Final Report in a timely manner will forfeit all City grant funding and the Awardee will be required to reimburse the City for all funds awarded and the full value of all rendered in-kind services and support.** • Yes

**Signature of Applicant**



**Date** 08/25/2025





Addendum B

2026  
JUNETEENTH BUDGET JUNE 14, 2025

PERPARED By: Deborah Sullivan Chairperson:

EXPENSES:

J Red (Host)		\$1,500.00
MICHAEL SULLIVAN (Soundman)		\$1,100.00
XMAN (DJ)		\$200.00
VALLEY RIIYTIIM SECTION		\$1,000.00
TARA TYLER		\$50.00
CITY OF MODESTO		\$137.00
CHERYL KNOX		\$75.00
Soul 4 You Are singing Group		\$900.00
(Dittos Copy Center Modesto)		\$ 71.00
HEREDIA INFLATABLES (3 Bounce house)		\$300.00
RENT-A-TOILET		\$672.75
Head of Success Team Flyers, tkts design Mother the Juneteenth BBQ Tks		
Tees shirts		\$315.85
Total		<b>\$6,321.60</b>

~~2500~~

2026  
 1K    2500  
 \$    2200

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Addendum C



**King Kennedy Juneteenth 2025 Celebration: “We shall Raise”**

**Event Overview.**

The King Kennedy Board of Directors has proudly hosted The Juneteenth 2025 Celebration, Themed “We Shall Raise”, this commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans and honor the resilience, culture, and unity of our community. This event took place on Saturday, June 14, 2025, from 1p.m. to 6 p.m. Graceada Park – Mancini Bowl and Open Space. This annual celebration honors the emancipation of enslaved African Americans and uplifts the spirit of freedom, unity, and cultural pride. This event featured live entertainment cultural performances, retail vendors, local artisans, community resource booths and activities for all ages celebrating Black History and excellence.

**Marketing Plan**

**Objective:**

To increase awareness and participation in the Juneteenth 2025 Celebration by engaging in the Modesto community and surrounding areas, promoting cultural pride and community connection.

**Strategies:**

Social media, (April-June) Weekly posts on Facebook, and Community pages highlighting history, vendors and entertainment.

**Press & Community Outreach:**

Submit event press release to the Modesto Bee, KCBP Radio, The Modesto View and Local event calendars.

**Flyer:**

Distributed Throughout at churches, schools and local barbershops, salons, and community centers by volunteer teams.

**Email Marketing:**

Regular updates through city departments, local nonprofits, business associations, community organization and past event participants.

**Partnerships:**

Collaborate with Modesto City Schools, NAACP Modesto/Stanslaus, and Black-owned businesses for visibility and sponsorship.



**Timeline layout:**

**Dates:**

Feb – Mar 2025 Confirm venue permits and budget  
April 2025 Secure vendors entertainment and sponsors.  
May 2025 Launch marketing campaign and volunteer recruitment.  
June 1 -10 Final logistics meeting, confirm vendors and performers  
June 14 Event Day – Juneteenth Celebration.



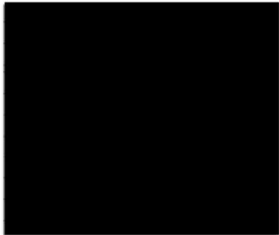
**Vendor list**

Food Vendors: East Coast Eats, E&C MexiTeriyaka, Aqua Freshers, Lady B Enterprise, The Sweet Potato Pie Company and Thirst Trapp Lemonade.  
Merchandise Vendors: AfroChic Apparel, Heritage Jewelry, Local Artists Collective  
Modesto Community Resources: Health & Wellness Booth, Voter Registration Booth, Youth Empowerment Network  
Entertainment: Local gospel choir, spoken word artists, youth dance troupe, live R&B band.



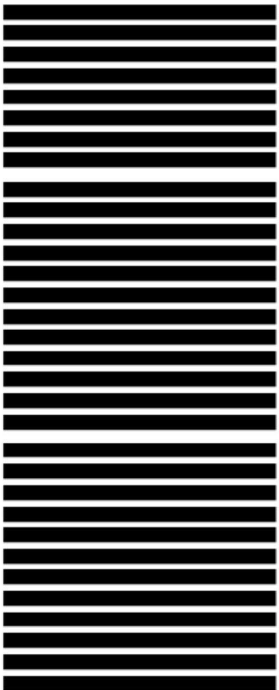
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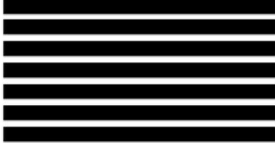
Event Coordinator  
Marketing Lead  
Vendor Coordinator  
Volunteer Lead  
Program Director  
Finance Officer



**Closing Note:**

Through Juneteenth 2025 “**We Shall Raise**”, the King Kennedy Board of Directors aims to honor history, celebrate culture, and strengthen the bonds within the Modesto community. Together, we move forward I unity, freedom, and faith.

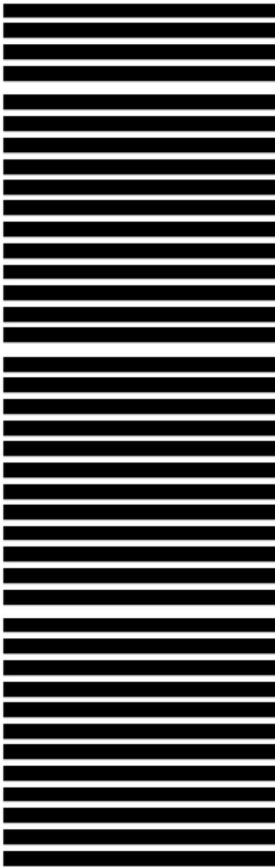


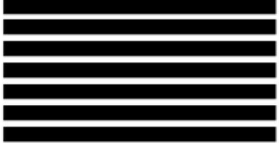


# Juneteenth Celebration June 19 2025

## Thursday Show Stage Line-Up

<b>ORDER OF PROGRAM</b>	<b>NAMES</b>	<b>TIME ON STAGE</b>
Welcome		11:00
Open Prayer		11:05
Life Every Voice and Sing		11:10
History of Juneteenth		11:20
Introductions of City Riverbank		11:30
Guest Speaker		11:40
Vendors		11:45
HolyWata Bwoyee		12:00
R&B		1:00
Fashion Show		2:00
R&B		4:00
Closing Remarks		5:00

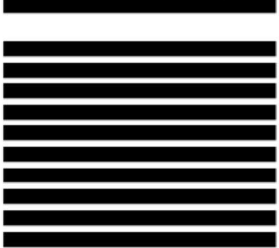




# Juneteenth Celebration June 19 2024

## Saturday Show Stage Line-Up

ORDER OF PROGRAM	NAMES	TIME ON STAGE	Phone numbers
Welcome		1:00	
Open Prayer		1:05	
Life Every Voice and Sing		1:10	
Guest Speaker		1:15	
History of Juneteenth		1:20	
Introductions of the Board		1:30	
Introductions of City Modesto			
Welcome of Dignitaries			
Amana Danielle Grant			
Introduction of M.C.		1:45	
Host Comedian		1:45	
Turlock Community Choir		1:55	
Flags Ministry		2:00	
Kindom Kid's Choir		2:10	
VIPM Praise Team		2:15	
Sololist		2:20	
Turnble to Fathers		2:30	
Valley Rhythm Session			
HolyWata Bwoyee		3:20	
Sharina Pearson		3:35	
Hip Hop Dancing		3:35	
Children's Art Competition		4:00	
Soul 4 You		4:15	
Raffles		5:00	
Closing Remarks		6:30	





King-Kennedy Memorial Center Board of Directors

Proposed 2025 Calendar of Event

**20th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Luncheon**

Friday, January 17, 2025 11:30am - 1:30pm  
(Official MLK, Jr. Holiday is 1/20/2025)

**Annual Black History Celebration**

Friday, February 21, 2025 6pm - 8pm

Scholarship Award Ceremony

Deadline is March 15, 2025

April ???, 2025 - Award the scholarship recipients

**Mother's Day Brunch**

Saturday, May 10, 2025 - Brunch & Fashion Show 12pm - 2pm

**Annual Juneteenth Celebration**

Saturday, June 14, 2025 11am - 5pm

Celebration at Graccada Park

(Official Juneteenth Holiday is 6/19/2025)

**7th Annual Veteran's Day Movie & Luncheon Event**

Saturday, November 8th, 2025 12 - 4pm

(Official Veteran's Day Holiday is 11/11/25)

**Annual Holiday Gift Card Give-Away (TBD - \$50 per gift cards) December 2025**

\*\*\*December 2024 Board of Directors to distribute 16 gift cards for meals for families in the community

# Addendum D

IN-KIND VALUE KKMCBOD - Juneteenth 2026

Quantity	Item	Guidelines	Cost/Fee	Staff Hours	Total
0	Permit - Facility Rental	Contact Parks for Fee Information	\$0.00		\$0.00
6	Permit - Food Trucks at Parks	1 Per Each Food Truck Vendor	\$100.00		\$600.00
	Permit - Parade	All Parades, Walks, Marches, Runs, Races	\$20.00		\$0.00
1	Permit - Park Rental	Contact Parks for Fee Information	\$998.00		\$998.00
1	Permit - Sound Amplification	Any Amplified Speech or Music	\$20.00		\$20.00
1	Permit - Special Event	Contact Parks for Fee Information	\$250.00		\$250.00
	Permit - Street/Sidewalk Closure	Any Street or Sidewalk	\$20.00		\$0.00
	Permit - Tent	Contact Fire for Fee Information	\$0.00		\$0.00
	Permit - Vendor Liquid Propane	1 Per Each Vendor Using Propane	\$20.00		\$0.00
	Equipment - Recycle Containers	Per Container	\$10.00		\$0.00
10	Equipment - Trash Can - Parks Only	1 Per Ever 50 People	\$5.00		\$50.00
	Inspection - Fire (Food Trucks)	1 Per Food Truck	\$73.00		\$0.00
	Inspection - Fire (LPG Food Vendors)	1 Per Each Vendor Using Propane	\$73.00		\$0.00
	Inspection - Fire (Tent)	Contact Fire for Fee Information	\$224.00		\$0.00
	Display - CHAT Vehicle	Contact MPD for Fee Information	\$0.00		\$0.00
	Display - Fire Service Vehicle	Contact Fire for Fee Information	\$0.00		\$0.00
	Display - Fire Truck	Contact Fire for Fee Information	\$0.00		\$0.00
	Display - Fire Truck & Flag	Contact Fire for Fee Information	\$0.00		\$0.00
	Display - Police Armadillo	Contact MPD for Fee Information	\$0.00		\$0.00
	Display - Police Motorcycle	Contact MPD for Fee Information	\$0.00		\$0.00
	Display - SWAT Vehicle	Contact MPD for Fee Information	\$0.00		\$0.00
	Labor - Fire (Booth)	Per Booth	\$70.00	2.5	\$0.00
	Labor - Fire Mascot	Per Mascot	\$60.00	2.5	\$0.00
	Labor - Park Mascot	Per Mascot	\$60.00	2.5	\$0.00
	Labor - Park Operations Locks, Gates, Bollards	Per Service	\$60.00	1	\$0.00
2	Labor - Park Operations Restrooms & Trash Service	Per Service	\$60.00	1	\$120.00
	Labor - Park Ranger	Per Ranger	\$50.00	2.5	\$0.00
	Labor - Police (Booth)	Per Officer	\$70.00	2.5	\$0.00
	Labor - Police (Motorcycle)	Per Officer	\$73.00	2.5	\$0.00
	Labor - Police (Traffic Control)	Per Officer	\$70.00	2.5	\$0.00
	Labor - Police (Vehicle Escort)	Per Officer	\$80.00	2.5	\$0.00
	Labor - Police Equistrian Unit	Per Unit	\$100.00	2.5	\$0.00
	Labor - Police Mascot	Per Mascot	\$60.00	2.5	\$0.00
	Labor - Public Works (Booth)	Per Staff Member	\$60.00	2.5	\$0.00
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	Labor - Solid Waste Mascot	Per Mascot	\$60.00	2.5	\$0.00
	Labor - Street Cleaning (Post Event)	Per Cleaning	\$60.00	2.5	\$0.00
	Labor - Street Cleaning (Pre Event)	Per Cleaning	\$60.00	2.5	\$0.00
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			<b>Total</b>		<b>\$2,188.00</b>



# Addendum E



## KING-KENNEDY MEMORIAL CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS (MODESTO, CA) ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY SINCE 1969

The facility known as King Kennedy Memorial Center (KKMC) was constructed in 1968 in the Mellis Park/Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park area of West Modesto at 601 S. Martin Luther King Dr. Initially operated by the City of Modesto (City) from 1968 to 2008, the Center served as a community hub for youth and family programming. The Board of Directors for the Center was established to provide oversight and guidance to the facility, reflecting community leadership involvement in its operation.



### Transition & Expanded Community Role (1980s-2000)

During these decades, the Board oversaw programming including after-school youth activities, recreation, and community engagement concentrated in the West Modesto neighborhood.

In 2001, a county document cited the Center as a “community center located in the highest risk neighborhood of west Modesto offering gymnastics, self-defense, crafts, and youth-oriented activities.

The Board coordinated with partner organizations, including neighborhood associations, faith-based groups, and the City’s Parks & Recreation department.

In 2008 the City entered into an agreement with the West Modesto Community Collaborative (WWCC) for management and operations of the Center. On August 8, 2018, the City approved a new management agreement with WMCC, and on February 11, 2020, authorized the Board of Directors to schedule and coordinate usage of the Center outside regular hours.

The Board has thus shifted into the role of governance and scheduling-coordination rather than direct staff-management.

The Board’s role is evolving managing community access overseeing program partnerships and planning for continuity during the renovation period.



### Board Composition & Functions

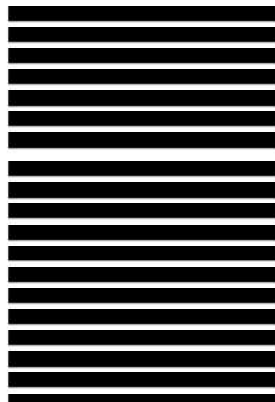


The Board of Directors consists of community leaders, representatives from neighborhood organizations, youth advocates, and City/County liaison members.

Key functions historically have included:

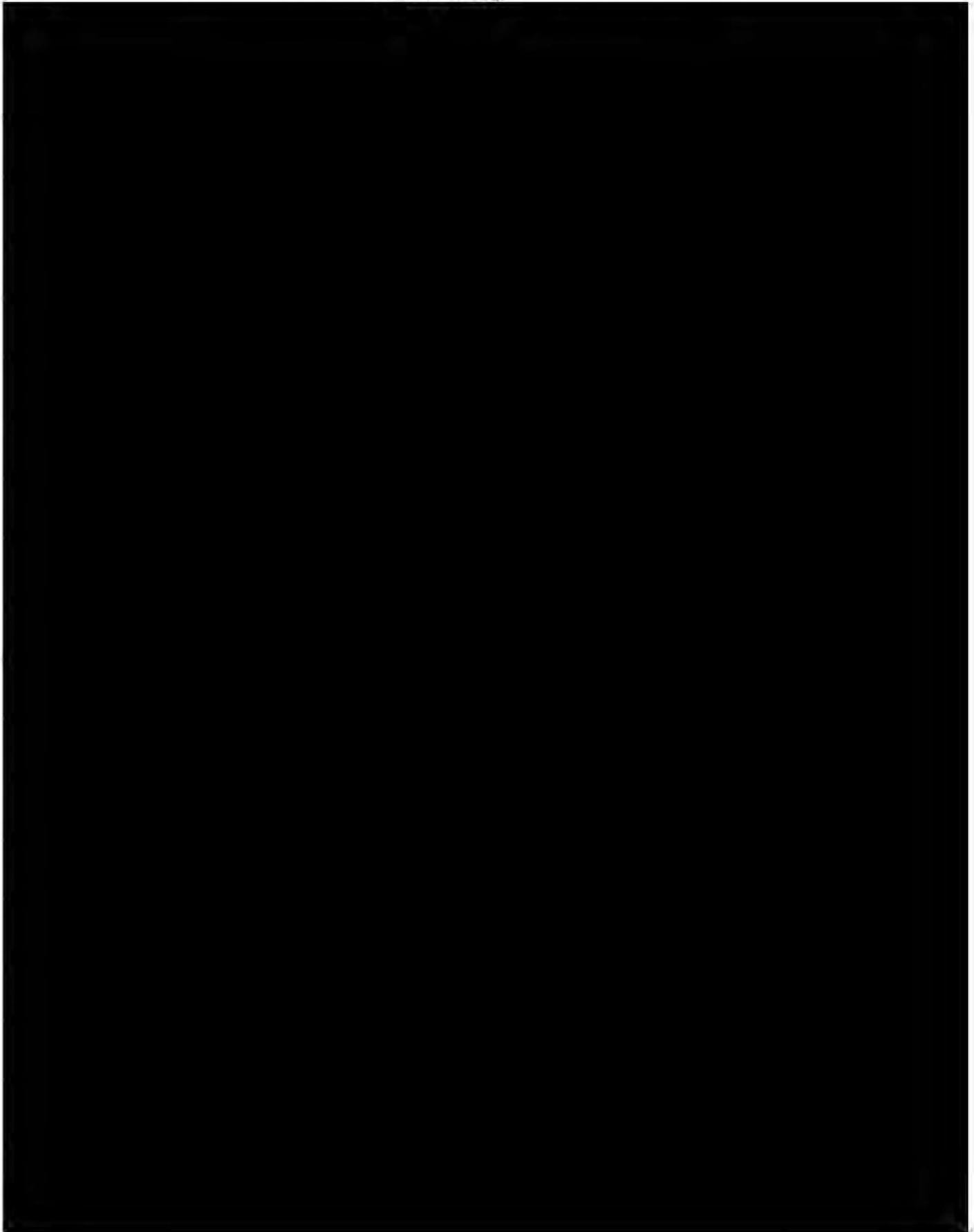
1. Oversight of facility use and scheduling
2. Fundraising support for youth and community programming.
3. Partnership- building with schools, service providers, and neighborhood groups

The Board has served as a bridge between the City’s Parks & Rec function, the neighborhood’s needs, and external nonprofit service providers.





King-Kennedy Memorial Center Board Of Directors  
2025 Roster





# California Secretary of State

Business Programs Division  
1500 11th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

KING-KENNEDY MEMORIAL CENTER, INC., A  
NONPROFIT CORPORATION

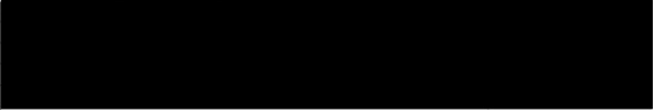


## Business Amendment Filing Approved

May 15, 2025

**Entity Name:** KING-KENNEDY MEMORIAL CENTER, INC., A NONPROFIT CORPORATION

**Entity Type:** Nonprofit Corporation - CA - Public Benefit



**File Date:** 05/15/2025

The above referenced document has been approved and filed with the California Secretary of State. To access free copies of filed documents, go to [bizfileOnline.sos.ca.gov](http://bizfileOnline.sos.ca.gov) and enter the entity name or entity number in the Search module.

### What's Next?



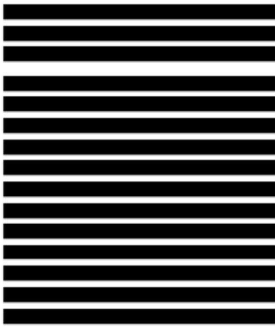
The most up to date records may be obtained by searching for the Entity Name or Entity Number in the Search module at [bizfileOnline.sos.ca.gov](http://bizfileOnline.sos.ca.gov).



For further assistance, contact us at (916) 657-5448 or visit [bizfileOnline.sos.ca.gov](http://bizfileOnline.sos.ca.gov).



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# Request for a Copy of Exempt Organization IRS Application or Letter

Information about Form 4506-B and its separate instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form4506ab](http://www.irs.gov/form4506ab).

**TIP** Exempt organization determination letters issued 2014 and subsequent are available for inspection at [www.irs.gov/teos](http://www.irs.gov/teos) (see instructions).

- **Submission requirements.** Complete this form then use the "Submit Form" button at the bottom of the page to submit via email. This form must be used to request copies of exemption applications and/or determination letters. All other form or letter requests will not be accepted (see instructions).
- **Internet.** Form 8871, Political Organization Notice of Section 527 Status, and Form 8872, Political Organization Report of Contributions and Expenditures, are available for inspection at [www.irs.gov/polorgs](http://www.irs.gov/polorgs).
- **Public disclosure by the organization.** Exempt or political organizations must make their returns, reports, notices, and exempt applications available for public inspection. You can visit the organization to inspect the material instead of requesting it from the IRS. The organization may be able to provide copies to you.



**2 Exempt organization.** Complete a separate Form 4506-B for each organization.

Name King-Kennedy Memorial Center, INC.			Employer identification number [REDACTED]
Street address line 1 601 Martin Luther King Blvd		Street address line 2 [REDACTED]	
City or town Modesto	State or province CA - California	Country US - United States of America	ZIP or foreign postal code 95358

**3 Category of requester:**  Commercial user  Non-commercial scientific institution  Media  
**You must check a box.**  Educational institution  All others

Name of media outlet \_\_\_\_\_

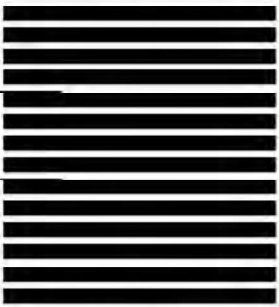
**4 Reason for request.** All requesters, except commercial users, must provide an explanation of how the records will be used to avoid being charged the commercial rate.

This request is for an African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund grant that the organization is applying for.

**5 Check the box(es) for the item(s) you are requesting.** You may request more than one item. If you check "other," you must indicate the specific item(s) you are requesting on the lines provided. See instructions for more information. **Do NOT use this form to request copies of returns, reports or notices. Use Form 4506-A, Request for a copy of Exempt or Political Organization IRS Form.**

- Application for exemption (Most recent Forms 1023, 1023-EZ, 1024, 1024-A, etc. and associated documents such as Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, etc.)
- Exemption determination letter only (Most recently issued letter)
- Affirmation letter (Currently dated letter affirming exempt status)
- Other (Publicly disclosable applications and letters not listed above, such as requests made on Form 8940, group exemption requests, etc.)

Submit Form (Disclaimer notice: Your email submission of Form 4506-B is not encrypted for security)





# Confirmation

[Privacy Policy](#)

Print this page for your records. The Confirmation Number below is proof that you successfully filed your 199N e-Postcard.

We received your 199N e-Postcard on 2/9/2024 11:57:00 AM.

Confirmation Number: [REDACTED]

Entity ID: [REDACTED]

Entity Name:  
KING-KENNEDY  
MEMORIAL  
CENTER, INC., A  
NON PROFIT  
ORGANIZATION

## Account Period Information

Account Period

Beginning:

1/1/2022

Account Period

Ending:

12/31/2022

This is not your entity's first year in business.

Your entity has not terminated or gone out of business.



(For Registry Use Only)

MAIL TO:  
 Registry of Charities and Fundraisers  
 P.O. Box 903447  
 Sacramento, CA 94203-4470

STREET ADDRESS:  
 1300 I Street  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

WEBSITE ADDRESS:  
 www.oag.ca.gov/charities

## ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CALIFORNIA

Section 12586, California Government Code  
 11 Cal. Code Regs., Section 301

(FORM CT-TR-1)

King Kennedy Memorial Center Board of Directors Name of Organization	State Charity Registration Number _____
601 S. Martin Luther King Drive Address (Number and Street)	Corporation or Organization No. [REDACTED]
Modesto, CA 95351 City or Town, State and ZIP Code	Federal Employer I.D. No. [REDACTED]

For annual accounting period ( beginning 01 / 01 / 2024 ending 12 / 31 / 2024 )

### BALANCE SHEET

#### ASSETS

Cash	\$ 18,768.22
Savings	\$ 2,500.00
Investment	\$ 0
Land/Buildings	\$ 0
Other Assets	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 21,268.22</b>

#### LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 0
Salary Payable	\$ 0
Other Liabilities	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

#### FUND BALANCE

Total Assets less Total Liabilities	\$ 0
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### REVENUE STATEMENT

#### REVENUE

Cash Contributions	\$ 0
Noncash Contributions	\$ 0
Program Revenue	\$ 300.00
Investments	\$ 0
Special Events	\$ 0
Other Revenue	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>

#### NET REVENUE

Total Revenue less Total Expenses	\$ 300.00
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#### EXPENSES

Compensation of Officers/Directors	\$ 0
Compensation of Staff	\$ 0
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 1,031.41
Rent	\$ 0
Utilities	\$ 0
Supplies/Postage	\$ 173.00
Insurance	\$ 500.00
Other Expenses	\$ 5,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 6,704.41</b>

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I have examined this report, including accompanying documents, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the content is true, correct and complete and I am authorized to sign.

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]	[REDACTED NAME]	3/5/25
Signature of Authorized Agent	Printed Name	Date





# COMMUNITY/SPECIAL EVENT OR PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

This program allows event organizers of programs and community and special events in Modesto the provision of funding and/or in-kind support. Such events and programs are designed to benefit the community-at-large, occur in/on City-owned property or street, and where the City is not the primary organizer or partner.

Visit [www.modestogov.com](http://www.modestogov.com) for more information.

## EVENT/PROGRAM CRITERIA:

- Takes place within the upcoming Fiscal Year (July 1st – June 30th).
- Offers a cultural, social, educational, economic, or recreational benefit to the community.
- Not religious or political in nature nor does it seek to support or oppose any religious or political viewpoint.
- Takes place within the City of Modesto limits at a City facility, building, park, or street(s). Limited exceptions may be granted.
- Includes other sources of funding sufficient to cover at least 50% of all anticipated event or program related expenses.
- Does not compete or conflict with other programs or events, similar in nature or theme.
- Open to the public and does not require any entrance fees paid for admittance and provides services on a non-discriminatory basis.
- Supports the following goals and objectives:
  - ◆ Promotes the City of Modesto as a desirable place to live, visit, and do business.
  - ◆ Promotes the City of Modesto as a visitor destination and/or brings tourism-associated revenue to the City.
  - ◆ Enhances the quality of life and well-being of the citizenry.
  - ◆ Advances the City's commitment to and pride in being a multicultural community.
  - ◆ Encourages the development of neighborhood identity and pride.
  - ◆ Promotes cultural awareness among the citizenries.

## EVENT/PROGRAM ORGANIZER CRITERIA:

- Based in the City of Modesto and is in good standing with the City of Modesto.
- Demonstrates that the organization has the experience and the expertise to undertake the planning and execution of the proposed event or program.
- Completes/Submits required Community/Special Event or Program Grant Application and supporting documents during the identified application filing period.
- Payment of Community/Special Event Grant or Program Application fee.
- Compliant with all City, County, and State requirements.
- Fiscally responsible for all other event expenses not related to or granted by the City.

## NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING:

- Organizations that are not in good standing with the City, County or State of California
- Events that have a history of sustained complaints from previous years
- Any group receiving money directly from the City Council or payment in-kind agreements.

## FUNDING REQUESTS:

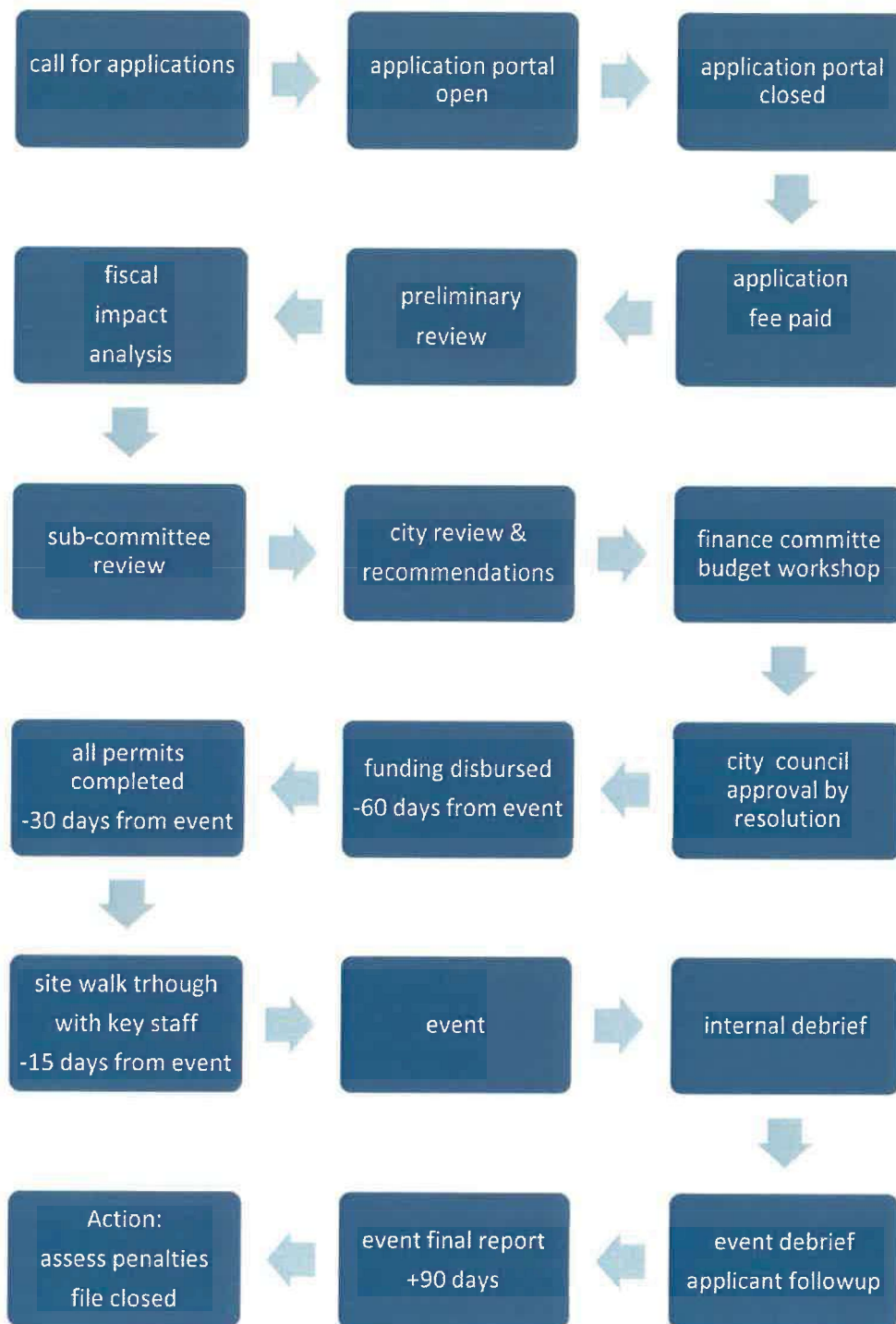
The granting of City funds or in-kind support is evaluated according to the effectiveness and impact the particular special event, community project or program has on the community-at-large. Special attention is paid to contributions that promote the attractiveness of the City as a place to visit and/or live, celebrate the heritage of the City and its environs, and/or enrich the character and quality of life of its citizens.

## EVENT/PROGRAM GUIDELINES

- Event must take place at a City facility, park, or on a City street.
- Applications must be intended for a specific event or program.
- Expenditures of awards must occur between July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.
- It is the responsibility of the award recipient to complete any and all necessary additional permits or applications for the City of Modesto, Stanislaus County, and State of California.
- Awardees must acknowledge the City of Modesto in all promotional materials, publicity and informational materials used. The City of Modesto logo must be used on all appropriate materials for the funded project.
- Awardees must present a Community and Special Event Grant or Program Final Report to the City of Modesto within 90 days of the completion of the event or program. Failure to submit the Final Report in a timely manner will forfeit all City grant funding and the Awardee will be required to reimburse the City for all funds awarded and the full value of all rendered in-kind services and support. In addition, failure to submit the Final Report will jeopardize eligibility for future funding and support. It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to see that the report is dated and submitted within the appropriate time limitations.
- Changes to an event project once an award has been awarded will necessitate a formal written Request for Project Change as well as a revised budget. This request for change cannot be guaranteed.

# APPLICATION REVIEW

Successful applicants demonstrate strong operations, stable management, ongoing assessment and evaluation, and a strong commitment to making events and programs accessible and relevant to a diverse range of participants. It is recommended that proposals not include designs that would be considered inappropriate and/or indecent by community standards. Timelines are subject to change.



# AWARD CRITERIA

## COMMUNITY BENEFIT

- Promotes Modesto as a desirable place to live, visit, and do business
- Enhances quality of life and well-being of Modesto's citizenry
- Advances City's commitment to and pride in being a multicultural community.
- Encourages the development of neighborhood identity and pride
- Offers a cultural, social, educational, economic, or recreational benefit to the community
- Does not conflict with other events, similar in nature, timing, or theme
- **Open to the public with no admittance fees**
- Attendance thresholds

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Stimulates activity in the City of Modesto (i.e. shopping, dining, and other consumer spending)
- Promotes Modesto as a visitor destination and brings tourism-associated revenue to Modesto
- Increases the visibility of Modesto beyond City borders
- Utilizes local vendors and organizations licensed to operate in Modesto

## CITY RECOGNITION

- Promotes the City's contribution (social media, flyers, programs, ad placement, radio, and television)
- Offers opportunities for City participation at event (invitations to speak, booth, complimentary tickets)

## FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Amount of funding requested correlates with the economic impact of the event
- Event is sustainable without City support
- Amount of funding is appropriate for the event/program and not more than 50% of the total budget
- Event is fiscally responsible, clear, detailed, and reasonable

## ORGANIZATIONAL STRENGTH

- Organization is capable of managing the proposed event/program (i.e. event history, prior event reporting/records, and includes emergency, safety, and security plans)
- Organization is in good standing with the City, County, State and Federal agencies and compliant with event requirements over the past two (2) years



**CITY OF MODESTO**  
**COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT**

**DATE OF MEETING:**  
**May 6, 2026**

Date: April 27, 2026

TO: Culture Commission

THROUGH: Jeremy Rogers, Director of Parks Recreation and Neighborhoods

FROM: Jessica Flores, Cultural Services Program Manager

SUBJECT: Approval of Community/Special Event or Program Grant Application for Modesto's Graduation Celebration – IYT Central Valley

CONTACT: Jessica Flores, Cultural Services Program Manager,  
jeflores@modestogov.com, 209-961-5231

**DESCRIPTION:**

Consider the submission of Community/Special Event or Program Grant Application for Modesto's Graduation Celebration – IYT Central Valley and forwarding to Council for approval.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ELEMENT:**

This item supports the City of Modesto's 2025-2026 Strategic Plan Goal I: Promote trust and engagement between the community and the City by enhancing responsiveness, communicating broadly about City opportunities and challenges, and increasing public participation in municipal affairs.

**BACKGROUND:**

On April 17, 2026 the applicant Jesus Andrade submitted a Community/Special Event or Program Grant Application for the event "Modesto's Graduation Celebration – IYT Central Valley" on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 to be held at the State Theatre of Modesto located at 1307 J Street, Modesto, CA 95354. The applicant is requesting \$2,500.00 in grant funding for the event.

**DISCUSSION:**

This item meets the qualifications of AD 3.8 to support events, programs and services that benefit residents of the City of Modesto. The City of Modesto in the past has provided in-kind support or financial support for community events.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Awards of in-kind grants for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 are limited to \$50,000 in-kind and are incorporated in multiple Department operating budgets (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhoods, Police, Fire, Public Works, and Community and Economic Development). Grant awards of funding for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 are limited to \$50,000 and are budgeted in Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood's Administration budget (0100-31010-54920). The applicant is requesting \$2,500.00 in grant funding for the event.

**CEQA/NEPA REQUIREMENTS:**

This item does not constitute a "project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378 and requires no environmental review.

**RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE ACTION:**

**Staff Recommendations:**

Motion recommending the approval of the Community/Special Event or Program Grant Application for Modesto's Graduation Celebration – IYT Central Valley for \$2,500.00 in grant funding and forwarding to Council for approval.

Approved by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeremy Rogers, Director of Parks, Recreation  
and Neighborhoods

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph P. Lopez, City Manager

# APPLICATION:

## SECTION 1-BASIC INFORMATION

**Applicant Name:** Jesus [REDACTED]

**Applicant Organization:** Improve Your Tomorrow

**Title of Event or Program:** Modesto's Graduation Celebration - IYT Central Valley

**Type of Event or Program:** Community Graduation Celebration / Student Recognition Event

**Date(s) of Event or Program:** Wednesday, May 6, 2026

**Location of Event or Program:** State Theatre of Modesto - 1307 J St, Modesto, CA 95354

**Two Line Description of the Event or Program:**

A city-wide graduation celebration recognizing over 150 promoting 8th grade and graduating high school seniors from Improve Your Tomorrow's Central Valley program. The event will bring together students, families, and community leaders to celebrate academic achievement, mentorship, and college and career readiness.

**Planned Event/Program Attendance:** 500

**Planned Event/Program Budget:** 8,000

**City In-Kind Support Requested (\$1,000-\$5,000 - See Section 5 for Calculator):** \$0

**City Funding Requested (\$1,000-\$5,000):** \$2500

Event expenses NOT eligible for City funding include, but are not limited to:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permit Fees</li> <li>• Application Fees</li> <li>• Inspection Fees</li> <li>• Fees for City Services or Staff</li> <li>• Alcohol Permits/Licenses</li> <li>• Purchase/Sale of Alcohol</li> <li>• Scholarships</li> <li>• Charitable Donations</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel and Transportation Expenditures</li> <li>• Hospitality Expenditures – Food, beverages, and decorations</li> <li>• Purchase of permanent equipment or capital expenditures</li> <li>• Staff salaries and benefits</li> <li>• Cash awards, incentives, prizes or plaques</li> </ul> |
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**Total In-Kind & Funding Requested (Not to exceed \$10,000):** \$2500

**% of Total In-Kind & Funding to Event/Program Budget:** \$2500

Address of Applicant



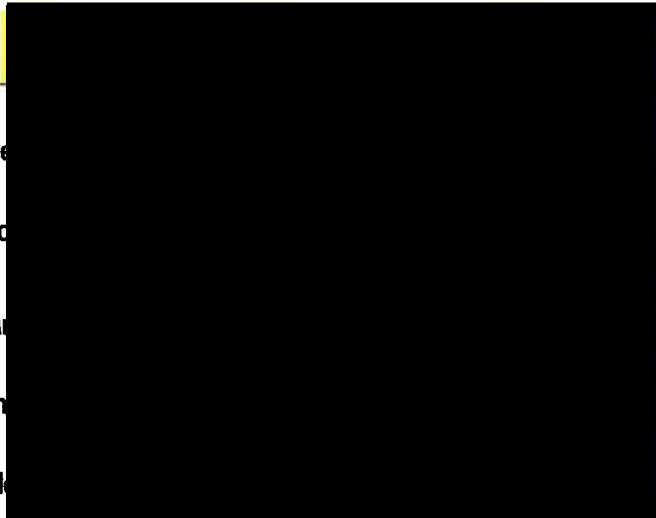
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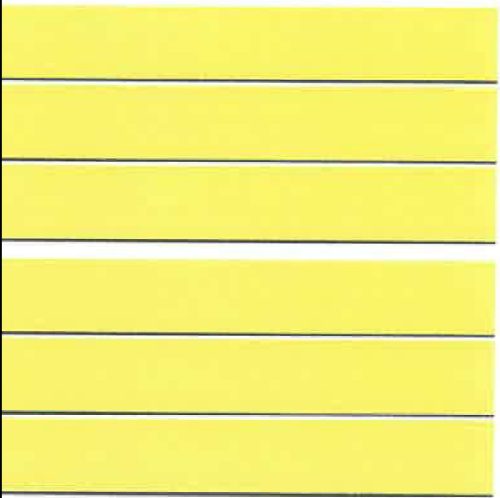
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## SECTION 2 – EVENT/PROGRAM IMPACT

Provide a full description of the event or program, including its purpose, history, and all planned activities.

The Improve Your Tomorrow (IYT) Central Valley Graduation Celebration is a city-wide event recognizing the academic achievements and milestones of over 150 promoting 8th grade and graduating high school seniors from Modesto. This event serves students who have participated in IYT's programming throughout their academic journey, recognizing their growth and achievements as they promote to the next grade level or graduate from high school and transition into college, career, and post-secondary opportunities. The purpose of the event is to celebrate student success, reinforce the importance of education, and honor the commitment of students, families, and mentors. IYT has a strong history of supporting first-generation, low-income students of color in achieving academic success and pursuing higher education. Planned activities include a formal recognition ceremony, student, staff, and community speakers. Students will be recognized with certificates and program honors, and families will be invited to celebrate alongside community partners and local leaders. The event is designed to create a meaningful and memorable experience that uplifts student achievement and builds community pride.

**How does this event or program benefit the community at large?**

This event benefits the broader Modesto community by uplifting and celebrating the achievements of local youth, particularly those from underserved and historically underrepresented backgrounds. By highlighting student success stories, the event promotes a culture of academic achievement, mentorship, and community investment in youth development. The Graduation Celebration also strengthens family engagement by creating a space where families can celebrate educational milestones together, many for the first time. Additionally, it brings together community members, educators, and local leaders, fostering stronger partnerships and shared responsibility in supporting youth success. The event reinforces positive pathways for young people and contributes to a stronger, more connected community.

**What is your target audience?**

The target audience includes promoting 8th grade students and graduating high school seniors participating in Improve Your Tomorrow programming across Modesto and surrounding areas, along with their families. The event also engages mentors, educators, community partners, and local leaders who support youth development and education.

**How does this event or program support economic development in/around Modesto?**

The Graduation Celebration supports local economic development by utilizing local venues, services, and vendors for event logistics, including facility use, equipment, and event-related materials. This contributes to local spending and supports small businesses and service providers within the community. Additionally, by promoting college and career readiness, the event contributes to the long-term economic growth of the region by supporting the development of a more educated and skilled workforce. Encouraging students to pursue higher education and career pathways helps strengthen the future economic stability and vitality of Modesto and the surrounding region.

**How will this event or program be promoted?**

The event will be promoted through IYT's national website, along with targeted outreach to students and families by program staff. Our team will collaborate with school partners and community stakeholders to ensure broad awareness and participation across the Modesto area. Additionally, the event will be promoted through social media platforms and digital flyers to reach a broader audience. Outreach efforts will include email, text messaging platforms, and in-person engagement, with all communications provided in both English and Spanish to ensure accessibility for all families.

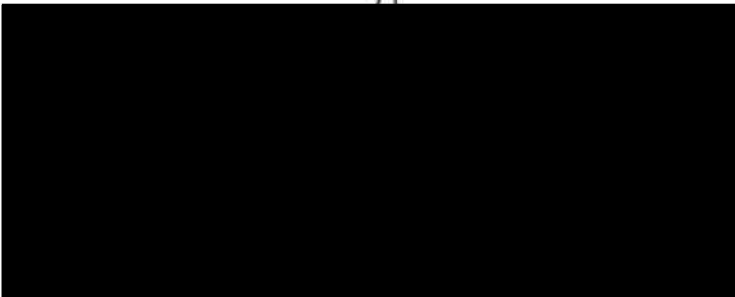
What other organizations are committed to supporting this event or program through the provision of funding or in-kind support?

IYT will be working in collaboration with Modesto City Schools, which is supporting the event through promotion and student participation across multiple school sites. School administrators and educators play a key role in encouraging student engagement and ensuring strong attendance. Additionally, IYT is partnering with Healthforce Partners, which is providing in-kind support through the donation of the event venue.

### SECTION 3: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

If an application is awarded, in-part or in whole, the Awardee hereby agrees that:

- The activities and services for which assistance is sought will be administered under the supervision of the applicant.
- The applicant has read and will conform to the program guidelines.
- The applicant will expend funds received as a result of the application solely on the project and programs described herein.
- Any funds received under this application shall not be used to supplant any budgeted funds.
- The applicant organization will comply with all laws, acts, ordinances, and requirements of the City of Modesto, County of Stanislaus, and the State of California. The applicant organization further fares that no person will be excluded from participation or be denied the benefits of any program, activity or service on the basis of race, sex, sexual preference, color, religion, ancestry, age, national origin, or disability. The applicant further agrees to make every attempt to ensure the program is accessible to persons with disabilities.
- The figures, facts and representations in this application, including all exhibits and attachments, are true and correct to the best of its knowledge and belief.
- Failure to follow these guidelines will disqualify you for future grants.
- Cancellation of funded projects will result in forfeiture of funds and funds must be returned within sixty (60) days of the scheduled event.



04/17/2026  
Date

# APPLICATION SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Please submit online at ([link](#)) or provide ONE (1) copy of the following information, in the order listed to:

**By U.S. Mail:**

City of Modesto  
Parks, Recreation & Neighborhoods Department  
PO Box 642  
Modesto, CA 95353

**By Courier or Hand Delivery**

City of Modesto  
Parks, Recreation & Neighborhoods Department  
1010 Tenth Street, Suite 4400  
Modesto, CA 95354

Do not print front and back. No late or incomplete applications will be accepted. Minimum 10-point font.

**Application**

Pages 6-9 of this document should be the top of the document. All Addendums are to follow behind . All Addendums are to follow in order A-B-C-D-E.

**Narrative/Proposal – Labeled as ADDENDUM A**

One (1) page maximum narrative/proposal addressing the award criteria and how they apply to your event. A full description of the event as well as the management plan should be included. Inclusion of the marketing plan, timeline, layout, vendor list and role assignment are recommended.

**Event/Program Production History / Examples – Labeled as ADDENDUM B**

One (1) page maximum with the applicant's history including number of paid and volunteer persons involved, audience members, ticket prices, venues utilized, number of performances or programs, etc. Previous Event/Program Examples: can include marketing materials, completed project or event proposals, press releases, wrap up reports, etc. ADDENDUM B

**Event/Program Budget – Labeled as ADDENDUM C**

One (1) page event or program budget. A sample budget is available for reference at <https://www.modestogov.com/3150/Community-and-Special-Event-Grants> .

If any of the categories do not apply to your project, simply ignore that line item. If you wish to expand on any areas or need additional space, you may forgo this form and attach your own budget spreadsheet.

**C In-Kind Calculation Worksheet – Labeled as ADDENDUM D**

For value of City in-kind services and fees, use the calculation spreadsheet available at <https://www.modestogov.com/3150/Community-and-Special-Event-Grants> to itemize all request for in-kind support. Requests for in-kind support may range between \$1,000 and \$5,000. All staff time requires a 2.25 hour minimum and may be increased based on your event and program needs. Provision of in-kind support is contingent upon the availability of staffing, equipment, and resources and may be awarded or denied in whole or in part.

**C Business & Non-Profit Disclosures – Labeled as ADDENDUM E**

For all businesses and non-profits requesting City grants, a copy of the following is required to complete the application.

- **Certificate of Good Standing:** a copy of the certificate of good standing from the state of California.
- **Annual Report:** a copy of the most recent annual report filed with the Secretary of State of California, not dated more than 12 months previous.
- **Board of Directors:** 1 page listing the Board of Directors including names, titles, and contact information.
- **Organization's History:** 1 page maximum with the organization's history.

The Improve Your Tomorrow (IYT) Central Valley Graduation Celebration is a city-wide event recognizing the academic achievements and milestones of over 150 promoting 8th grade and graduating high school seniors from Modesto. This event serves students who have participated in IYT's programming throughout their academic journey, recognizing their growth and achievements as they promote to the next grade level or graduate from high school and transition into college, career, and post-secondary opportunities. The purpose of the event is to celebrate student success, reinforce the importance of education, and honor the commitment of students, families, and mentors. IYT has a strong history of supporting first-generation, low income students of color in achieving academic success and pursuing higher education. Planned activities include a formal recognition ceremony, student, staff, and community speakers. Students will be recognized with certificates and program honors, and families will be invited to celebrate alongside community partners and local leaders. The event will be promoted through IYT's national website, along with targeted outreach to students and families by program staff. Our team will collaborate with school partners and community stakeholders to ensure broad awareness and participation across the Modesto area. Additionally, the event will be promoted through social media platforms and digital flyers to reach a broader audience. Outreach efforts will include email, text messaging platforms, and in-person engagement, with all communications provided in both English and Spanish to ensure accessibility for all families.

# IMPROVE YOUR TOMORROW

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## THE BROTHERHOOD CONFERENCE & PROGRAM SHOWCASE

An Exclusive two-day paid invitation for school district partners and leaders in education.



### Key Details

#### IYT's Brotherhood Conference and Program Showcase

**Dates:** Friday, January 26th - Saturday January 27th

**Location:** Sacramento, California

### You're invited!

We are delighted to extend a special invitation to you on behalf of Improve Your Tomorrow (IYT) to attend our upcoming member conference in Sacramento. This exclusive two-day engagement brings committed school leaders and education funders across the nation together to experience our annual youth conference. You will learn first-hand about our programs from existing school district leaders and state partners.

*Please note, IYT will cover all expenses, including travel, hotels, transportation, and food for the duration of the two-day conference.*

We believe that your presence at the Brotherhood Conference Showcase will provide you with a comprehensive understanding of the impact IYT is making in the lives of young individuals and give you the tools and confidence to champion this program in your district.

If you plan to attend, please respond by Wednesday, December 20th. Our team will reach out to help arrange hotel accommodations and transportation for your convenience in early January.

Sincerely,

Michael Lynch  
CEO & Co-Founder, Improve Your Tomorrow



# IMPROVE YOUR TOMORROW

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## THE BROTHERHOOD CONFERENCE & PROGRAM SHOWCASE

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### WHAT TO EXPECT

#### **Evening Reception (Friday):**

Kick off the weekend with a warm welcome at our Friday evening reception. Connect with current IYT champions, network with dedicated educators, and get a glimpse into the culture that defines IYT.

#### **All-Day Showcase (Saturday):**

Immerse yourself in the heart of the Brotherhood Conference during our all-day showcase. This is not just an event; it's an experience. Gain valuable insights into IYT's program and witness firsthand the positive impact it has on the lives of young individuals.

#### **Insights from Committed School Leaders:**

Hear directly from some of IYT's most committed school superintendents and state partners. Their firsthand accounts will illuminate the real-world impact and successful implementation of IYT's program within their educational institutions.

#### **Interaction with IYT Members, Alumni, and Leadership:**

Engage with current IYT members, alumni, and leadership. Learn about their personal journeys, successes, and the role IYT has played in shaping their futures. This intimate interaction will provide you with a deeper understanding of the genuine impact of our program.

#### **Plenary Sessions at the Brotherhood Conference:**

Participate in thought-provoking plenary sessions during the Brotherhood Conference. From the welcome address to the inspiring keynote, these sessions will offer valuable perspectives and insights into the broader educational landscape.

#### **Networking Lunch with IYT Members and Staff:**

Enjoy a delightful lunch while fostering meaningful connections with IYT members and staff. Share experiences, discuss potential collaborations, and explore how we can collectively drive positive change in the realm of education.

# IMPROVE YOUR TOMORROW

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## THE BROTHERHOOD CONFERENCE & PROGRAM SHOWCASE



### AGENDA

#### **School Site Visits & Reception at IYT Headquarters**

##### **Friday, January 26th**

10:00 am - 7:30 pm

1901 Royal Oaks Dr, Sacramento CA 95815 (IYT HQ)

7925 Kentwal Dr, Sacramento, CA 95823 (Jackman Middle School)

6300 Ehrhardt Ave, Sacramento, CA 95823 (Valley High School)



#### **School Site Visit & HQ Tour**

**10:00 am** Hotel Pick-Up & Travel to IYT HQ

**10:30 am** College Success Center tour at HQ

**11:00 am** HQ presentation

**12:00 pm** Lunch

**12:45 pm** Travel to Jackman Middle School

**1:30 pm** Jackman Middle School visit, meet w. school leaders & IYT members

**2:30pm** Travel to Valley High School

**3:00 pm** Visit with Principal Ms. Bell, Mr. Amey, and Mr. Espindola

**3:50 pm** Round Table Discussion with IYT members at Valley High School

**4:30 pm** Travel Back to HQ

#### **Evening Reception at the IYT National Office**

**5:30 PM** - Reception & light networking with IYT Champions

**6:00 PM** - Welcome remarks

**6:10 PM** - Remarks from leaders in youth & education equity

**6:40 PM** - Brief presentation

**6:45 PM** - Dessert & networking

**7:15 PM** - Shuttle to hotel

#### **Brotherhood Conference & Program Showcase**

##### **Saturday, January 27th**

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

2121 University Ave, Rocklin, CA 95765 (William Jessup University)

**8:30 am** Breakfast at WJU conference room

**9:30 am** Welcome & keynote address

**11:00 am** Program showcase panel and Q&A

**12:20 pm** Lunch with IYT members

**1:10 pm** Conference workshops

**2:00 pm** Conference panel & performance

**3:05 pm** Ceremony & awards

**4:10 pm** Closing remarks From IYT leadership

**4:30 pm** Shuttle to hotel

# IMPROVE YOUR TOMORROW

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8:30 am - 4:30 pm

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**Schedule:**

**8:15 AM** - Arrival at William Jessup

**8:30 AM** - Breakfast

**8:45 AM** - Welcome & Alumni Stories Panel

**9:30 AM** - Welcome & Keynote Sessions - Main Hall

**10:30 AM** - Break

**11:00 AM** - Panel discussion and Q&A - WJU Conference Room

**12:30 PM** - Lunch with IYT Members

**1:00 PM** - Break

**1:10 PM** - Conference Workshops

**2:00 PM** - Conference Plenary & Performance - Main Hall

**3:05 PM** - Ceremony & Awards - Main Hall

**4:10 PM** - Showcase Closeout

**4:30 PM** - Shuttle back to Hotel



## IYT CV GRADUATION CELEBRATION - MODESTO BUDGET BREAKDOWN

Category	Item	Projected	Actual	Variance	Notes
		\$0.00	\$0.00		Venue
<b>Venue</b>	Facility Costs	\$0.00			<a href="#">(Pending Reservation) Covered - Thomas Downey High School</a>
	Insurance	\$0.00			
	Security	\$0.00			
	Parking	\$0.00			
	Audio Visual Technician	\$0.00			
	Projector and Screen Rental	\$0.00			
		<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>Catering</b>
<b>Catering</b>	Appetizers	\$0.00			400 Guests
	Dessert	\$1,200.00			
	Beverages	\$800.00			
		<b>\$3,026.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>Gifts</b>
<b>Gifts</b>	Certificates	\$845.00			<a href="#">\$5 per certificate with cover (169 Students)</a>
	High School Senior IYT Stoles/Sashes	\$1,860.00			\$30 Per Stole (62 Seniors, including early Elliott grads)
	Middle School Cords	\$321.00			<a href="#">Black &amp; White Cords \$3 Per Cord (107 8th Graders)</a>
		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>Performances</b>
<b>Performances &amp; Speaker</b>	DJ	\$0.00			
		<b>\$600.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>Rentals &amp; Decor</b>
<b>Decor</b>	Decor	\$300.00			
	Florals/Balloons	\$300.00			
		<b>\$600.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>Printing &amp; Signage</b>
<b>Printing &amp; Signage</b>	Table Signage/Centerpiece Printing	\$100.00			
	Programs	\$300.00			
	Event Signage	\$200.00			
		<b>\$450.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>Vendor Fees</b>
<b>Vendor Fees</b>	Photobooth	\$0.00			
	Photography (Day of)	\$450.00			
		<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>Miscellaneous</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	Miscellaneous	\$500.00			
		<b>\$7,176.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		





# Secretary of State Certificate of Status

I, SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D., California Secretary of State, hereby certify:

**Entity Name:** IMPROVE YOUR TOMORROW  
**Entity No.:** [REDACTED]  
**Registration Date:** 06/19/2013  
**Entity Type:** Nonprofit Corporation - CA - Public Benefit  
**Formed In:** CALIFORNIA  
**Status:** Active

The above referenced entity is active on the Secretary of State's records and is authorized to exercise all its powers, rights and privileges in California.

This certificate relates to the status of the entity on the Secretary of State's records as of the date of this certificate and does not reflect documents that are pending review or other events that may impact status.

No information is available from this office regarding the financial condition, status of licenses, if any, business activities or practices of the entity.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I execute this certificate and affix the Great Seal of the State of California this day of April 17, 2026.

**SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.**  
**Secretary of State**

**Certificate No.:** 447611833

To verify the issuance of this Certificate, use the Certificate No. above with the Secretary of State Certification Verification Search available at [bizfileOnline.sos.ca.gov](http://bizfileOnline.sos.ca.gov).

**IMPROVE YOUR TOMORROW**

Audited Financial Statements

June 30, 2024

IMPROVE YOUR TOMORROW  
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
June 30, 2024

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

Board of Directors  
Improve Your Tomorrow  
Sacramento, California

### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Improve Your Tomorrow (IYT), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2024, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of IYT as of June 30, 2024, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of IYT and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Correction of Errors and Reclassification**

As described in Note P, correction of errors and reclassifications were made during the current year. Accordingly, adjustments have been made to net assets with donor restrictions as of July 1, 2023 to correct these errors.

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about IYT's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial

likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of IYT's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about IYT's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 24, 2025, on our consideration of IYT's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of IYT's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering IYT's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Richardson & Company, LLP*

November 24, 2025

IMPROVE YOUR TOMORROW

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2024

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,352,886
Grants receivable	3,940,225
Contributions receivable	768,310
Program fees receivable	110,527
Prepaid expenses and other assets	54,811
Fixed assets, net	2,126,840
Right-of use assets, net	<u>17,156</u>

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 8,370,755

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and other liabilities	\$ 155,193
Accrued payroll and vacation payable	678,527
Accrued interest payable	12,338
Refundable advance	453,493
Loan payable	1,913,254
CARES Act loan payable	477,262
Line of credit	500,000
Lease liabilities	<u>17,622</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES 4,207,689

NET ASSETS

Without donor restrictions	926,991
With donor restrictions	<u>3,236,075</u>

TOTAL NET ASSETS 4,163,066

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS \$ 8,370,755

See notes to the financial statements.

IMPROVE YOUR TOMORROW

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Without Donor Restriction	With Donor Restriction	Total
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUES</b>			
Grant and contracts	\$ 6,416,988		\$ 6,416,988
Program fees	4,847,785		4,847,785
Contributions	770,522	\$ 3,364,258	4,134,780
Interest income	13,081		13,081
Special events	121,360		121,360
Miscellaneous revenue	18,511		18,511
Net assets released from restriction	1,128,491	(1,128,491)	
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUES</b>	<b>13,316,738</b>	<b>2,235,767</b>	<b>15,552,505</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Program Services	11,433,472		11,433,472
Supporting Services:			
Management and general	2,847,773		2,847,773
Fundraising	594,143		594,143
Total Supporting Services	3,441,916	-	3,441,916
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>14,875,387</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,875,387</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>(1,558,649)</b>	<b>2,235,767</b>	<b>677,118</b>
Net assets at beginning of the year	2,485,640	956,257	3,441,897
Restatement		44,051	44,051
Net assets at beginning of year, as restated	2,485,640	1,000,308	3,485,948
<b>NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 926,991</b>	<b>\$ 3,236,075</b>	<b>\$ 4,163,066</b>

See notes to the financial statements.



IMPROVE YOUR TOMORROW

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year Ended June 30, 2024

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Change in net assets	\$ 677,118
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash (used) provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	72,801
Amortization of right-of-use assets	128,309
Bad debt expense	52,240
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
Grants receivable	(1,994,724)
Contributions receivable	6,956
Program fees receivable	(30,981)
Other receivables	710
Prepaid expenses and other assets	15,007
Accounts payable and other liabilities	(62,558)
Accrued payroll and vacation payable	269,602
Accrued interest payable	3,030
Refundable advance	151,820
Lease liabilities	(130,510)
NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>(841,180)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Purchases of fixed assets	(86,544)
NET CASH USED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>(86,544)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Repayments on CARES Act loan	(14,204)
Repayments on loan payable	(55,675)
Proceeds from line of credit	1,850,000
Repayments from line of credit	(1,350,000)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>430,121</u>
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(497,603)
Cash and equivalents at beginning of year	<u>1,850,489</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 1,352,886</u></u>
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:	
Interest paid during year	\$ 147,984
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities	129,425

See notes to financial statements.

## IMPROVE YOUR TOMORROW

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2024

#### NOTE A – ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM SERVICES

**General:** Improve Your Tomorrow (IYT) is a California not-for-profit formed to increase the number of young men of color attending and graduating from colleges and universities. The programs of IYT comprise:

IYT College Academy – This program serves young men of color at traditional middle and high schools in Sacramento County. Participants can enter the program anytime from 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grade and continue with IYT through college graduation. The primary intended outcomes are to decrease suspension rates, decrease chronic absenteeism, increase high school graduation and increase college readiness and attendance.

IYT College Completion – This program serves young men of color at colleges and universities across in the state of California. Participants can enter the program at two different entry points, (1) at a participating IYT high school or (2) at California State University, Sacramento. The primary intended outcomes are to increase college retention rates, increase college graduation rates and better prepare students to enter the workforce.

#### NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of Presentation:** Financial statement presentation follows the Financial Accounting Standards Board in its Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 958-205, *Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities – Presentation of Financial Statements*. Under (ASC) 958-205, IYT is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets: net assets without donor restrictions and net assets with donor restrictions. The financial statements of IYT have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Net assets are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, IYT classifies its net assets and changes in net assets as follows:

Net assets without donor restrictions — Net assets not subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Net assets without donor restrictions may be designated for use by the Board of Directors for a specific purpose. IYT has no such designations by the Board of Directors.

Net assets with donor restrictions — Net assets subject to donor-imposed restrictions that may or will be met either by actions of IYT and/or the passage of time. When the donor-imposed restriction is satisfied or the restriction ends, IYT reclassifies net assets with donor restrictions to net assets without donor restrictions.

**Use of Estimates:** The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents:** Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand and highly liquid investments with original or remaining maturities of three months or less at the time of purchase.

**Revenue Recognition:** Revenue from governmental contracts are recognized to the extent of qualifying expenses incurred, up to the grant or contract ceiling. Any excess of expenses incurred over cash received is recorded as a grants receivable; any excess of cash received over qualifying expenses incurred is recorded as deferred revenue.

Contributions are recognized as revenue when they are received or unconditionally pledged. Contributions received are recorded as with or without donor restrictions depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. When a restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Contributions that are restricted are classified as net assets without donor restriction if the restriction expires in the reporting period in which the revenue is recognized.

**Grants Receivable and Contributions Receivable:** At June 30, 2024, IYT's receivables included amounts due but not yet received. The carrying value of receivables, net of the allowance for doubtful accounts, if any, represents their estimated net realizable value. The allowance for doubtful accounts, if any, is estimated based on historical

## IMPROVE YOUR TOMORROW

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

June 30, 2024

#### NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

collection trends, type of receivable, the age of outstanding receivables, and existing economic conditions. Account balances are charged off against the allowance after all means of collection have been exhausted and the potential for recovery is considered remote. Management believes no allowance is necessary as there is no history of receivable write-offs and amounts due are primarily bound by contract. All of the receivables are expected to be collected within one year.

Accrued Vacation Payable: It is IYT's policy to accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vacation time, which will be paid to employees upon taking vacations or upon separation.

Fixed Assets: Acquisitions of equipment and furniture of \$2,500 or more are capitalized. Equipment and furniture are stated at cost and depreciation, or amortization is computed when assets are placed in service using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives of three to seven years. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred.

Leases: IYT determines if an arrangement is or contains a lease at inception. Leases are included in right-of-use (ROU) assets and lease liabilities in the statement of financial position. ROU assets and lease liabilities reflect the present value of the future minimum lease payments over the lease term, and ROU assets also include prepaid or accrued rent. Operating lease expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. IYT does not report ROU assets and lease liabilities for its short-term leases (leases with a term of 12 months or less). Instead, the lease payments of those leases are reported as lease expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Lease terms may include options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonable certain that IYT will exercise that option.

Functional Expenses: The costs of providing program services and supporting services have been summarized on a functional basis in the Statement of Activities and in the Statement of Functional Expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated based on employees' time incurred and management's estimate of the usage of resources.

Donated Materials and Services: Donated materials are recorded as contributions at their estimated value at date of receipt. Donated services that create or enhance nonfinancial assets or that require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation, are recorded at their fair values in the period received.

IYT also receives donated services from a variety of unpaid volunteers assisting in leadership, committees, fund-raising activities and program services. The value of this donated time is not reflected in the accompanying financial statements since it does not meet the criteria for recognition as a contribution.

Income Tax Status: IYT is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 23701d of the California Revenue and Taxation Code. In addition, the IYT qualifies for the charitable contribution deduction under Section 170(b)(1)(A) and has been classified as an organization that is not a private foundation under Section 509(a)(2).

Management of the IYT has evaluated the tax positions and related income tax contingencies. Management does not believe that any material uncertain tax positions exist. IYT's federal returns could generally be subject to examination by federal taxing authorities for three years after they are filed. The IYT's state returns could be subject to examination by state taxing authorities, generally for four years after they are filed. Federal returns prior to 2021 and state returns prior to 2020 are no longer subject to examination.

Advertising: IYT expenses advertising costs when incurred. Total advertising costs charged to various activities during the year ended June 30, 2024 was \$201,802 and is included in advertising and promotions on the schedule of functional expenses.

Subsequent Events: IYT evaluated all events or transactions that occurred after June 30, 2024 and up to November 24, 2025, the date the financial statement was available to be issued. During this period, IYT did not have any recognizable subsequent events. Certain nonrecognizable subsequent events are described in Note O.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

June 30, 2024

NOTE C – LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY

The following represents IYT's financial assets at June 30, 2024:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,352,886
Grants receivable	3,940,225
Contributions receivable	768,310
Program fees receivable	<u>110,527</u>
Total financial assets	6,171,948
Less: Net assets with donor restrictions	<u>(3,236,075)</u>
Financial assets available to meet general expenditures	<u><u>\$ 2,935,873</u></u>

Donor restricted assets are available only for the programs listed in Note K, Net Assets with Donor Restrictions. IYT's cash is maintained in checking accounts, providing the needed liquidity for general expenses within one year of the balance sheet date. As part of the IYT's liquidity management plan, cash in excess of daily needs is held in a savings account.

NOTE D – GRANTS RECEIVABLE

Grants receivable, which are considered collectible by management, consisted of the following at June 30, 2024:

State of California	\$ 2,235,106
Foundations	707,848
Various communities	259,661
Other	335,000
Cities	199,508
State of Maryland	107,901
State of Minnesota	<u>95,201</u>
	<u><u>\$ 3,940,225</u></u>

NOTE E – CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE

The Organization has received commitments for contributions, with collection periods through December 2032. Amounts are discounted at a rate of 3% to present value of estimated future cash flows. Unconditional promises to give at June 30, were as follows:

Gross unconditional promises to give:	
Less than one year	\$ 249,766
One to five years	500,000
Over five years	<u>40,000</u>
	789,766
Less discount to present value	<u>(21,456)</u>
Promises to give, net	<u><u>\$ 768,310</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

June 30, 2024

NOTE F – FIXED ASSETS

Fixed assets consisted of the following as of June 30, 2024:

Land	\$ 700,000
Building	1,408,731
Vehicles	86,544
Furniture	49,250
Office computers	<u>35,192</u>
Total cost	2,279,717
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(152,877)</u>
	<u><u>\$ 2,126,840</u></u>

Depreciation expense was \$72,801 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

NOTE G – LINE OF CREDIT

In February 2024, IYT entered into a revolving line of credit with a maximum amount \$1,000,000. The line bears interest at the secured overnight financing rate (SOFR) plus 3%. The rate at June 30, 2024 was 12.74%. IYT was required to make interest only payments starting March 11, 2024. The principal and all outstanding balances were due no later than February 11, 2025. IYT has \$500,000 outstanding on its line of credit at June 30, 2024.

This line of credit was repaid in September 2024 and was canceled in February 2025. A new line of credit was obtained for \$2,000,000 in January 2025 with an interest rate of SOFR plus 2.25%.

NOTE H – CARES ACT LOANS

IYT received a loan of \$150,000 under the Economic Injury Disaster program on May 26, 2020. The loan was modified in May 2021 to increase the note to \$500,000. The loan bears an interest rate of 2.75% and is due in monthly installments of \$2,204 beginning November 2022 over 30 years. This loan is secured by all tangible and intangible property of IYT. The future minimum principal payments are as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	
2025	\$ 11,508
2026	11,883
2027	12,268
2028	12,664
2029	13,072
Thereafter	<u>415,867</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 477,262</u></u>

NOTE I – LOAN PAYABLE

On November 7, 2022, IYT purchased a commercial building for \$2,500,000 for its headquarters. The building was purchased with a \$2,000,000 loan from JP Morgan Chase Bank with an interest rate of 6.23%. Monthly payments of principal and interest totaling \$14,700 began on December 7, 2022, but payments from May 2024 to April 2026 were applied entirely to interest. All unpaid principal and interest are due and payable on November 7, 2029. The future minimum payments are as follows:

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

June 30, 2024

NOTE I – LOAN PAYABLE (Continued)

Year Ended June 30,	
2025	\$ -
2026	16,962
2027	56,683
2028	60,317
2029	64,184
Thereafter	<u>1,715,108</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,913,254</u>

NOTE J – LEASES

IYT assesses whether an arrangement qualifies as a lease (i.e. conveys the right to control the use of identified assets for a period of time in exchange for consideration) at inception and only reassesses its determination if the terms and conditions of the arrangement are changed. At lease commencement, lease liabilities are recognized based on the present value of the remaining lease payments and discounting using IYT's incremental borrowing rate. The weighted-average discount rate applied to calculate the lease liability as of June 30, 2024, was 4.25%. As of June 30, 2024, the weighted-average remaining lease term for IYT's operating leases was approximately 0.98 years. The right-of-use asset is recorded net of accumulated amortization of \$252,258 at June 30, 2024.

Future minimum lease payments will be as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	
2025	\$ 17,741
Total lease payments	<u>17,741</u>
Less: imputed interest	<u>(119)</u>
Present value of lease liabilities	<u>\$ 17,622</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

June 30, 2024

NOTE K – NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Net assets with donor restrictions consisted of the following at June 30, 2024:

Subject to the passage of time:	
Contributions for fiscal year 2024/25	\$ 18,308
Promises to give that are unavailable for expenditure until due	<u>715,210</u>
	<u>733,518</u>
Subject to purpose restriction:	
Services in San Francisco and bay area	749,107
Mentorship, tutoring, student development for Men of Color in Merced County	350,700
Technology lab and other facilities	250,000
Expansion in the Central Valley	191,149
Holiday Heroes campaign	160,237
Internship program	158,896
Campaign to Payoff Building	115,311
Sacramento and Northern California counties	98,044
Learning Lab	92,658
Sacramento region mental fellows	90,887
College Access	60,232
College Academy - College Success Center	46,795
Mental health services	38,994
Purchase of Van	25,000
Modesto sites	25,000
Policy and advocacy	17,522
Other	<u>32,025</u>
	<u>2,502,557</u>
	<u>\$ 3,236,075</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

June 30, 2024

NOTE K – NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS (Continued)

IYT's net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purpose or by occurrence of the passage of time or other events specified by the donors as follows for the year ended June 30, 2024:

Time restrictions met:		
Pledge receivables collected	\$	183,334
Contributions		31,692
Purpose restrictions met:		
Expansion in the Central Valley		329,111
Mental health services		138,820
Services in San Francisco and bay area		98,393
Internship program		91,104
Sacramento and Northern California counties		51,956
Policy and advocacy		42,479
College Access		26,524
Conference support		25,000
Mentorship, tutoring, student development for		
Men of Color in Merced County		24,300
College Mentor Stipends		20,465
Campaign to Payoff Building		18,189
Other		47,124
		<u>47,124</u>
	\$	<u>1,128,491</u>

NOTE L – CONTINGENCIES

IYT receives grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the funding source. Such audits could result in the funding source's request for reimbursement for expenditures disallowed under the terms and conditions of the contracts. Management is of the opinion that no material liabilities will result from potential audits.

NOTE M – RETIREMENT PLAN

IYT has established a salary deferral plan under Internal Revenue Code 403(b) covering employees for certain employees. Employees are eligible to participate after one year of service and completing 1,000 hours of service. Under the plan, IYT makes matching and nonelective contributions to the plan. Employees vest in employer contributions after five years of service. Contributions to the plan were \$50,084 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

NOTE N – CONCENTRATIONS

A substantial portion of IYT's revenue is obtained from government grants and school districts for program fees. During the year ended June 30, 2024, grants earned from the AmeriCorp and State of California comprised 18% and 16% of IYT's total revenues, respectively.

The balances maintained in the financial institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000. At June 30, 2024, IYT had an uninsured cash balance in the amount of \$1,135,596.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

June 30, 2024

NOTE O – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In June 2025, IYT received a donation of five parcels of land with an estimated fair value of \$650,000. The land is intended for future facility development in Sacramento, California.

In August 2025, IYT reached a settlement agreement with a former employee related to a legal claim and was required to pay \$96,500.

NOTE P – RESTATEMENT

IYT discovered in fiscal year 2024 that revenue that was previously classified as a restricted unconditional contribution met the criteria for a conditional contribution. Corrections were made in the year ended June 30, 2024, which resulted in net assets with donor restriction decreasing by \$298,473 as of June 30, 2023, refundable advances increasing by \$298,473 as of June 30, 2023 and revenue decreasing by \$298,473 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

IYT determined during the year ended June 30, 2024, that certain unconditional pledges related to the capital campaign were omitted in the year ended June 30, 2023. Due to this correction, pledge receivables were increased by \$345,000, the related discount on pledge receivables increased by \$2,476, and net assets with donor restrictions at June 30, 2023 were increased by \$342,524.

As a result of the prior period adjustments, the net assets reported on the statement of financial position as of July 1, 2023 have been restated as follows:

	Net Assets With Donor Restrictions	Total Net Assets
Net assets as of June 30, 2023, as previously reported	\$ 956,257	\$3,441,897
Reclassification of grant from restricted contribution to conditional contribution	(298,473)	(298,473)
Record unconditional pledges receivable	342,524	342,524
Total Restatements	<u>44,051</u>	<u>44,051</u>
Net position and fund balance as of June 30, 2023 as restated	<u>\$ 1,000,308</u>	<u>\$3,485,948</u>

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Compliance Reports

June 30, 2024

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COMPLIANCE REPORTS

June 30, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND  
ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

To the Board of Directors  
Improve Your Tomorrow  
Sacramento, California

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Improve Your Tomorrow (IYT) (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2024, and the related statements of activities, statement of functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 24, 2025.

**Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered IYT's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of IYT's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of IYT's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-001 to be a material weakness.

A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2024-002 and 2024-003 to be significant deficiencies.

**Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether IYT's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-004.

### **Improve Your Tomorrow's Response to Findings**

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures in IYT's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. IYT's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the organization's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Richardson & Company, LLP*

November 24, 2025

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON  
INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the Board of Directors  
Improve Your Tomorrow  
Sacramento, California

**Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We have audited Improve Your Tomorrow's (IYT) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of IYT's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. IYT's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, IYT complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

***Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of IYT and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of IYT's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

***Responsibilities of Management for Compliance***

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to IYT's federal programs.

***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on IYT's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about IYT's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding IYT's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of IYT's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of IYT's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

### **Other Matters**

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-004. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to these matters.

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on IYT's response to the noncompliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. IYT's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weakness. However, as discussed below, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

*A deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2024-04 to be a significant deficiency.

### **Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance**

We have audited the financial statements of IYT as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated November 24, 2025, which contained an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform

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Guidance and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain addition procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements of to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Richardson & Company, LLP*

November 24, 2025

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

A. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR’S RESULTS

Financial Statements

- |                                                                                  |            |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Type of auditor’s report issued:                                              | Unmodified |
| 2. Internal controls over financial reporting:                                   |            |
| a. Material weaknesses identified?                                               | Yes        |
| b. Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses? | Yes        |
| 3. Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?                         | No         |

Federal Awards

- |                                                                                                                |            |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Internal control over major programs:                                                                       |            |
| a. Material weaknesses identified?                                                                             | No         |
| b. Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses?                               | Yes        |
| 2. Type of auditor’s report issued on compliance for major programs:                                           | Unmodified |
| 3. Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR, Section 200.516(a)? | Yes        |
| 4. Identification of major programs:                                                                           |            |

CFDA Number

94.006

Name of Federal Program

AmeriCorps State and National

- |                                                                             |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 5. Dollar Threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs? | \$750,000 |
| 6. Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee under 2 CFR, Section 200.516(a)? | No        |

B. CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

**Finding 2024-001 – Material Weakness –Pledges Receivable**

**Criteria:** Generally accepted accounting principles requires that contributions be recorded at the earlier of receipt of the promise/pledge or receipt of the contribution, and included in restricted net assets until the time restriction has been met, which is when the pledge is collected. Pledges receivable beyond one year also need to be recorded net of a discount.

**Condition:** We noted where IYT received pledges from donors, but only the amounts collected were recorded as revenue. IYT is recording contributions when received instead of when the pledge or promise to give is received. The full amount of the pledges need to be recorded as revenue in the fiscal year the pledge is received, and the uncollected amount needs to be recorded as a receivable, with an offset to restricted net assets.

**Effect:** The financial statements as of June 30, 2023 required restatement as of June 30, 2024 to reflect \$342,524 of pledges receivable that were not previously recorded.

**Cause:** IYT is not following generally accepted accounting principles.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED)

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

**Recommendation:** We recommend that IYT ensure it has a system in place for tracking pledges received and that they are recorded as receivables in the general ledger, when the pledge is initially received. IYT also needs to calculate a discount on pledges that are due in more than one year. The pledges receivable need to be accrued and recorded in a separate general ledger account. Payments received on pledges need to be recorded as a reduction of the pledge receivable. A reconciliation of the pledge database to the general ledger needs to be done at least quarterly.

**Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions:** IYT concurs with this finding and will implement procedures to ensure pledges receivable are recorded correctly.

**Finding 2024-002 – Significant Deficiency – Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

**Criteria:** Accurate and timely financial reporting is an integral part of the internal control structure of IYT. The preparation of accurate financial reporting is dependent on maintaining an accurate up-to-date general ledger, which is fully reconciled to subsidiary ledgers and related supporting documents.

**Condition:** To reduce the number of audit adjustments and to prevent delays in the audit process, IYT should ensure the following areas are reviewed and adjusted prior to the start of the audit.

- Compare net assets to the prior year’s audited amounts to ensure they match
- Database used by IYT to record its contributions, grants and fundraising revenues needs to be reconciled to the general ledger monthly or quarterly
- Ensure revenues considered to be unconditional contributions are recorded for the entire amount when the notice of grant award is received, and recorded as restricted revenue until collected
- Ensure revenues received that are restricted for particular purposes are recorded in a separate restricted revenue account
- Interest payable needs to be accrued on the note payable
- Payroll liability accounts need to be reviewed and updated

**Effect:** The general ledger balances required adjustment during the audit process.

**Cause:** Management’s year-end close and review process does not have sufficient controls to ensure all accrual basis closing entries are made.

**Recommendation:** Consideration should be given to developing a year-end closing checklist that includes the items listed above to ensure all closing entries are made prior to the start of the audit.

**Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions:** Management concurs with this finding and will implement a closing process to ensure issues are addressed prior to the audit.

**Finding 2024-003: Significant Deficiency – Tracking of Restricted Revenue**

**Condition:** IYT does not have the procedures in place to track restricted revenues in a separate general ledger account and to monitor the amounts released from restriction.

**Criteria:** Restricted contributions, amounts released from restriction and the cumulative unspent restricted net assets are required to reported separately in the financial statements. IYT established a class code within the general ledger system to track revenues and expenditures of restricted funds, but this activity is not reflected as restricted revenue and net assets in the general ledger.

**Effect:** Because the tracking of restricted revenue and net assets is not set up in the general ledger system, IYT is required to prepare an analysis as part of the closing process and audit preparation to determine the amount of restricted revenue and net assets to be reflected in the financial statements. This tracking process should be done as restricted contributions are received.

**Cause:** Separate general ledger accounts for restricted revenue and net assets are not set up in the general ledger, and a process for tracking restricted net assets has not been set up.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED)

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

**Recommendation:** We recommend restricted revenue and net asset accounts be set up in the general ledger and that a spreadsheet be prepared and updated throughout the year as restricted contributions are received and expended to track restricted net assets received and disbursed.

**Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions:** IYT concurs with this finding and will develop a tracking spreadsheet for restricted funds, which will be reviewed by the Accounting Manager.

C. CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAM

**Finding 2024-004 – Significant Deficiency – Late Submission of Single Audit**

**Federal Grantor:** Corporation for National and Community Service

**Passed-through:** Office of Planning Research California Volunteers

**Pass-through Grantor's No.:** 21ACIY29-C192

**Compliance Requirement:** Reporting

**Condition:** IYT submitted its Audited Financial Statements and Single Audit Report to the federal clearinghouse in December 2025, nine months after it was due.

**Criteria:** IYT was required to submit its Audited Financial Statements and Single Audit Report to the federal audit clearinghouse no later than March 31, 2025, nine months after the fiscal year-end (2 Code of Federal Regulations §200.512).

**Effect:** Federal awarding agencies may deny future federal awards or subject IYT to additional cash monitoring requirements. This finding was not a result of internal control over individual federal programs and, accordingly, did not have a direct and material effect on the reporting requirements over IYT's major federal programs.

**Cause:** IYT did not to prepare its Audited Financial Statements and Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards in a timely manner due to turnover in personnel.

**Recommendation:** IYT needs to ensure that it can close its books and submit its Audited Financial Statements and Single Audit Report to the federal audit clearinghouse no later than the statutory reporting deadline.

**Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions:** Management concurs with the finding and is working on developing a process for ensuring that audits can be completed more timely.

D. PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

**Finding 2023-001 – Material Weakness –Pledges Receivable**

**Condition:** We noted where IYT received pledges from donors, but only the amounts collected were recorded as revenue. IYT is recording contributions when received instead of when the pledge or promise to give is received. The full amount of the pledges need to be recorded as revenue in the fiscal year the pledge is received, and the uncollected amount needs to be recorded as a receivable, with an offset to restricted net assets.

**Recommendation:** We recommend that IYT ensure it has a system in place for tracking pledges received and that they are recorded as receivables in the general ledger. IYT also needs to calculate a discount on pledges that are due in more than one year. The pledges receivable need to be accrued and recorded in a separate general ledger account.

**Current Status:** IYT is still in process of working toward updating their accounting for pledges. See Finding 2024-001 for the continuation of this finding.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED)

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

**Finding 2023-002 – Significant Deficiency – Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

**Condition:** To reduce the number of audit adjustments and to prevent delays in the audit process, IYT should ensure the following areas are reviewed and adjusted prior to the start of the audit.

- Compare net assets to the prior year's audited amounts to ensure they match
- Database used by IYT to record its contributions, grants and fundraising revenues needs to be reconciled to the general ledger monthly or quarterly
- Ensure revenues considered to be unconditional contributions are recorded for the entire amount when the notice of grant award is received, and recorded as restricted revenue until collected, including pledges
- Ensure revenues received that are restricted for particular purposes are recorded in a separate restricted revenue account
- Fixed asset list needs to be updated during the year and depreciation needs to be recorded
- Interest payable needs to be accrued on the note payable
- Payroll liability accounts need to be reviewed and updated
- Lease asset and liability accounts need to be adjusted

**Recommendation:** Consideration should be given to developing a year-end closing checklist that includes the items listed above to ensure all closing entries are made prior to the start of the audit.

**Current Status:** IYT is still in process of working toward updating their accounting. See Finding 2024-002 for the continuation of this finding.

**Finding 2023-003 – Significant Deficiency – Late Submission of Single Audit**

**Federal Grantor:** Corporation for National and Community Service

**Passed-through:** Office of Planning Research California Volunteers

**Pass-through Grantor's No.:** 21ACIY29-C192

**Compliance Requirement:** Reporting

**Condition:** IYT submitted its Audited Financial Statements and Single Audit Report to the federal clearinghouse in November 2024, eight months after it was due.

**Recommendation:** IYT needs to ensure that it can close its books and submit its Audited Financial Statements and Single Audit Report to the federal audit clearinghouse no later than the statutory reporting deadline.

**Current Status:** IYT is still in the process of implementing a corrective action plan to submit the Single Audit in a timely manner. See Finding 2024-004 for the continuation of this finding.

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title	Federal Assistance List Number	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
<b>Corporation for National and Community Service</b>			
Passed-through the Office of Planning Research California Volunteers AmeriCorp State and National	94.006	21ACIY29-C192	<u>\$ 2,395,230</u>
<b>Total Expenditures of Federal Awards</b>			<u><u>\$ 2,395,230</u></u>

The accompanying notes to the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are an integral part of this schedule.

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NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of Improve Your Tomorrow (IYT) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of IYT's operations, it is not intended to be and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of IYT. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenses reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenses are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenses are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE 3 – SUBRECIPIENTS

There were no subrecipients of IYT's programs during the year ended June 30, 2024.

NOTE 4 – NONCASH AWARDS

No noncash awards existed in the current year.

NOTE 5 – INDIRECT COSTS

The Organization elected to not use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate as covered in 2 CFR §200.414.



## Improve Your Tomorrow

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January 09, 2026

### Improve Your Tomorrow State Single Audit Corrective Action Plan For the Fiscal Year Ended JUNE 30, 2024

#### AUDIT FINDINGS

1. Finding Reference Number: 2024-001

Description of Finding: IYT received pledges from donors, but only the amounts collected were recorded as revenue. Contributions were recorded when received rather than when the pledge or promise to give was made. Pledges were not recorded as receivables and restricted net assets were not properly adjusted. The financial statements as of June 30, 2023 required restatement as of June 30, 2024 to reflect \$342,524 of pledges receivable that were not previously recorded.

Statement of Concurrence or Nonconcurrence: We concur with the finding.

Corrective Action: This finding is a repeat from FY 2023 (Finding 2023-001). While IYT created a pledge tracking framework in FY 2024, it was not fully implemented due to staff turnover and capacity constraints. To fully remediate this material weakness, IYT will establish a pledge receivables schedule in which we will record pledges upon commitment. A quarterly reconciliation process will be implemented between the development team's database and the general ledger, with discrepancies resolved before the close of the year. Accounting Coordinator will be the one responsible for preparing and maintaining the schedule and will be reviewed by the Accounting Manager. Written policy and procedures will be developed for pledge recognition, including discount calculations for multi-year pledges.

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Projected Completion Date: June 30, 2025

2. Finding Reference Number: 2024-002

Description of Finding: IYT's year-end financial close process lacked sufficient internal controls to ensure accurate and timely financial reporting in accordance with accrual-based accounting standards. During the audit, several adjustments were required, including comparing net assets to prior year audited amounts, reconciling contribution and grant databases to the general ledger, ensuring restricted revenues are recorded in separate accounts, accruing interest payable on loans, reviewing and updating payroll liability accounts, and updating cash balances for June 2025 transactions.

Statement of Concurrence or Nonconcurrence: We concur with the audit finding.

Corrective Action: This finding is a repeat from FY 2023 (Finding 2023-002). While a year-end checklist was created, the monthly close process was not consistently executed in FY 2024. IYT will



implement a formalized month-end and year-end close calendar with specific deadlines for each task, including net asset reconciliation, database reconciliation to general ledger, restricted revenue classification review, and accrual calculations. A two-person review process will be established where all month-end entries are prepared and reviewed before posting. These controls are expected to significantly reduce the need for audit adjustments going forward. To ensure accountability, completion of monthly close procedures will be incorporated into the finance team's performance evaluations to emphasize the importance of timely and accurate financial reporting.

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Projected Completion Date: June 30, 2025

3. Finding Reference Number: 2024-003

Description of Finding: IYT does not have procedures in place to track restricted revenues in a separate general ledger account and to monitor the amounts released from restriction. IYT established a class code within the general ledger system to track revenues and expenditures of restricted funds, but this activity is not reflected as restricted revenue and net assets in the general ledger.

Statement of Concurrence or Nonconcurrence: We concur with the audit finding.

Corrective Action: IYT will restructure the chart of accounts to create dedicated general ledger accounts for restricted contributions revenue by major restriction categories (time-restricted, purpose-restricted, and capital campaign). Corresponding restricted net asset accounts will be established to reflect cumulative balances of unspent restricted funds. A restricted fund tracking spreadsheet will be developed and updated monthly to link each contribution to its specific restrictions and calculate appropriate releases when restrictions are satisfied. Reviews will be conducted to verify releases from restriction are properly recorded and general ledger balances reconcile to the tracking spreadsheet. The Accounting Manager will review and approve the monthly tracking spreadsheet and all release from restriction entries before posting to the general ledger.

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Projected Completion Date: June 30, 2025

4. Finding Reference Number: 2024-004

Description of Finding: IYT submitted its Audited Financial Statements and Single Audit Report to the federal clearinghouse in December 2025, nine months after it was due. IYT was required to submit its Audited Financial Statements and Single Audit Report to the federal audit clearinghouse no later than March 31, 2025. Federal awarding agencies may deny future federal awards or subject IYT to additional cash monitoring requirements.



Statement of Concurrence or Nonconcurrence: We concur with the audit finding.

Corrective Action: IYT acknowledges the late submission of the FY23-24 Single Audit and recognizes delays in the FY24-25 audit timeline as well. This reflects a breakdown in internal ownership and process awareness related to the Single Audit. IYT takes the full responsibility for implementing new internal systems, including a detailed audit readiness timeline, early preparation of the SEFA, and clear role assignments. To prevent future late submissions and ensure the process is sustainable regardless of staff turnover, IYT will implement cross-training staff members to ensure that moving forward, there are no dependency issues leading to the late start and submission of the audited financials. IYT will start the audit fieldwork in January 2026 with final submission to the federal clearinghouse by the March 31, 2026 deadline.

If the Office of Policy and Management and/or Oversight Agency has questions regarding this Plan, please call Macarena O'Brien at (480) 993-4764.

Sincerely yours,

*Macarena O'Brien*

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Chief Financial & Administrative Officer



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# Improve Your Tomorrow (IYT)

*A History of Impact for Young Men of Color*

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## Founding and Origins

Improve Your Tomorrow was founded in 2013 by men of color, for young men of color. The organization was born out of a clear and urgent recognition: young men of color were the lowest-performing student population in the aggregate, facing systemic barriers that funneled too many into the criminal justice system rather than into colleges and careers. IYT was created to interrupt that cycle.

IYT began with seventeen students at Valley High School in South Sacramento. That founding cohort laid the groundwork for what would grow into the largest education nonprofit in the country exclusively serving young men of color.

## Growth and Geographic Expansion

From its origins in South Sacramento, IYT expanded steadily across California and beyond. The organization now operates in the Central Valley (Stockton, Modesto, and Merced), the Sacramento region, and the Bay Area, as well as in Nevada, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Maryland, and Mississippi. To date, IYT has served more than 13,400 young men of color across these communities.

## Programs and Model

IYT's programming model is designed for long-term accompaniment. Students can enter as early as 7th grade and remain connected through college graduation, a span of up to twelve years. Core programs include:

- **IYT College Academy** — near-peer mentor fellows deliver mentorship, academic support, college advising, college tours, and parent engagement to middle and high school members.
- **IYT University (IYT U)** — a student success initiative at college campuses, including Sacramento State and UC Davis, focused on keeping men of color on track to graduate.
- **Mentor Fellowship** — IYT hires its own college students as Program Directors, Academic Mentors, and tutors, creating a college-to-community pipeline that brings young men back into their communities to mentor the next generation.
- **Brotherhood Advocacy Corps (BAC)** — a civic leadership program that trains members to engage in policy and advocacy, including participation in city councils and public comment processes.

## Demonstrated Impact

IYT's outcomes consistently outpace statewide averages for Black and Latino students. Comparing IYT members to their California peers from 2016 to 2022:

- High school graduation rate: 99.4% for IYT members (class of 2023), compared to 70% for Black students and 77% for Latino students statewide.
- College-going rate: 61.6% for IYT members (through class of 2022), compared to roughly 54% for Black and 52% for Latino students statewide.
- College graduation rate: IYT members graduate at 57 to 59%, compared to 33% for Black and 36% for Latino students statewide.

## Vision and Continued Commitment

IYT envisions a world where men of color are overrepresented in higher education, underrepresented in the criminal justice system, and recognized as leaders in their communities. Rooted in that vision, IYT continues to grow its presence in the Central Valley and beyond, building the infrastructure, partnerships, and

resources needed to serve the next generation of young men who deserve a real shot at college and career success.