



Agenda Report

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Agenda Date: 11/10/2020

REPORT TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

Proclaim November 2020 as Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month

BACKGROUND

The month of November is celebrated as Sikh Appreciation and Awareness Month in California. Sikhism is the fifth largest religion in the world, with over 25 million Sikhs worldwide. An estimated 250,000 Americans of Sikh origin, comprising nearly 40 percent of the nation's estimated Sikh population, reside in California.

Sikh Americans pursue diverse professions in services such as the United States Armed Forces, agriculture, transportation, medicine, engineering, technology, science, education, energy, and small businesses. Sikh Americans have distinguished themselves by fostering greater respect and understanding among all people through faith and service. The City of Santa Clara places tremendous value on our Sikh neighbors and organizations, who bring rich history, cultural diversity, and significant contributions to the City. The Silicon Valley Gurdwara is a community organization based in Santa Clara.

DISCUSSION

As a Special Order of Business on November 10, 2020, the City Council will proclaim the month of November as Sikh Appreciation and Awareness Month and will present a proclamation to representatives from the Silicon Valley Gurdwara.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This is an information report only and no action is being taken by the City Council; no environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") is required

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the City other than staff time.

PUBLIC CONTACT

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