



August 3, 2015

Dear Morgan Hill City Council:

The Morgan Hill Community Foundation (MHCF) is a tax-exempt, public charity focused on addressing community needs by identifying and acquiring resources that provide support to programs within the Morgan Hill School District boundaries. The MHCF enriches the quality of life for the greater Morgan Hill area residents through its annual grants awards, scholarships to high school students, and serving as a fiscal sponsor to 11 community nonprofits who truly make a positive difference in several fields of interest.

Each year the MHCF hosts a philanthropy celebration that honors community volunteers and philanthropists who have made a significant impact on the community. For the last several years the City has supported this event by waiving room rental fees for use of the Community Center. The MHCF Board has requested that the City continue to offer the use of the Community and Cultural Center for the 2015 Philanthropy Celebration, scheduled for November 13, at no cost to the MHCF. The direct cost of a building coordinator and the required security guards would still be paid by the MHCF. As part of the agreement, the MHCF would provide YAC with a table for 8 guests, including the YAC honoree, for no cost. Additionally, the City of Morgan Hill would be recognized as a sponsor in all materials marketing and advertising the event.

The Philanthropy Celebration recognizes the importance of community involvement and volunteerism in Morgan Hill. Staff recommends that Council sponsor this important community celebration by directing the City Manager to waive the rental fee of the Community and Cultural Center.

Support of this Philanthropy Event is consistent with the Council's priorities of enhancing community engagement and diversity and supporting youth.

Sincerely,

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