



CITY COUNCIL

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CONSENT CALENDAR
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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Darryl Moore, District 2
Subject: City of Berkeley Official Sponsorship of SHARE El Salvador Delegation

RECOMMENDATION

Officially sponsor the Berkeley delegation of SHARE El Salvador.

BACKGROUND

SHARE is a community-based organization that aims to strengthen solidarity with and among the Salvadoran people in El Salvador and the United States in the struggle for economic sustainability, justice, and human and civil rights.

SHARE increases the capacity of organized communities and their partners through its model of mutual accompaniment.

SHARE's work includes binational projects and programming in El Salvador and the United States that support the following institutional core values:

Women's Empowerment: Provide access to education and opportunities for integrated development to women and girls in order to improve their economic, social and political positions in their communities and organizations

Citizen Participation: Promote active participation in democratic processes, decision-making and advocacy campaigns

Leadership Development: Cultivate the skills of a broader base of people including women and young people so that they can become democratic leaders and empower others

Environmental Sustainability: Advocate and raise awareness about environmental justice, including prevention and responses to climate change

This year's delegation will be a collaboration between SHARE and Salvadoran counterpart organizations in ensuring free and fair presidential elections in El Salvador in 2014. On February 2, 2014 Salvadoran citizens will take to the polls to elect El Salvador's president for a 5-year term. Your participation in the first round of elections will help reduce fraud and ensure a fair election.

The week-long delegation will include observer training, accreditation, and election monitoring on February 2nd, as well as meetings with stakeholders in Salvadoran politics to learn about key issues. Participants will also visit SHARE projects and learn about our unique model for sustainable development. Observing these projects will give participants valuable insights into SHARE's approach and may have allow for replication in the City of Berkeley. Participants will also have opportunities to engage in relations with Berkeley's sister city in El Salvador

Official city sponsorship would allow the delegation to use the City of Berkeley's name and would allow Councilmembers who would like to participate to have an excused absence for any meetings missed.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

None

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