



MEMORANDUM TO VENICE CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH CHARTER OFFICER: Edward Lavalley, City Manager

E-SIGN: *James R. Clinch*

FROM: Brianne Lorenz, Special Events Coordinator

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

DATE: 12/22/23

MEETING DATE 01/23/24

SUBJECT / TOPIC: NEW Special Event If You Want to Live Walk With Me

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Please find the following attachments for your review regarding a new special event request, If You Want to Live Walk With Me, scheduled for March 9, 2024 at the Airport Festival Grounds:

- Staff Memo

First time special events are presented to City Council for approval per the current special event policy. The Long Walk Home, a veteran-led 501(c)(3) whose mission is to empower veterans and prevent veteran suicide, will bring in a walkathon event, If You Want to Live Walk With Me, March 9, 2024 at the Airport Festival Grounds from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Funds raised from event registration and event amenities will support The Long Walk Home's suicide prevention programs.

The walkathon course is 3.5 miles within the footprint of the festival grounds and will not utilize the Venetian Waterway Trail. The event holder will bring in veteran services, non-profit organizations, art, craft and food vendors, music entertainment, porta potty units with ADA capabilities, 10 foot by 10 foot tents for shaded seating, and provide hydration stations and snacks for those participating in the walkathon.

The event holder will use the Public Works Special Events Trailer, Solid Waste litter and debris management, and Venice Police Department officers and will consider the use of Venice Fire Rescue services.

SUPPORTS STRATEGIC PLAN: Goal Five: Encourage and Support a Robust and Diverse Economy

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED: For Council Adoption by Consent Motion

Cc: Brianne Lorenz, Special Events Coordinator

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