



CITY COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Commission

DATE: February 11, 2025

SUBJECT: Discussion and possible action to implement a “Crafts with the Commission” initiative. – **Commissioner Mallozzi**

RECOMMENDATION:

Commissioner Mallozzi requests a discussion and possible action on an initiative to foster community engagement and creativity by implementing the “Crafts with the Commission” event at a nominal participation fee. **(Cost to be determined)**

BACKGROUND OF ITEM:

This initiative aims to encourage interaction between community members and City Commissioners through creative activities. This initiative seeks to provide opportunities for direct engagement in a relaxed, enjoyable environment. Similar programs have demonstrated success in improving civic participation and fostering positive relationships between residents and Elected Officials.

ANALYSIS:

The initiative will involve quarterly hands-on craft activities in Commission Chambers, fostering stronger relationships and community trust. The events will include a variety of craft activities suitable for all age groups and skill levels. The initiative aims to encourage meaningful dialogue between residents and Commission members while fostering creativity and community pride. The nominal participation fee is intended to help offset material costs.

Comparable events have reported increased public engagement and improved resident perceptions of their elected leaders.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact is minimal, with costs limited to craft supplies. The participation fee will cover a significant portion of these expenses.