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# CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

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May 13, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

Submitted By: Mark J. Gluba, Deputy City Manager

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO CLOSE CITY HALL AND THE POMONA PUBLIC LIBRARY AT 3:00PM ON TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019, TO ALLOW STAFF PARTICIPATION IN ALEJANDRO ARANDA'S AMERICAN IDOL HOMETOWN VISIT PARADE AND CONCERT EVENT**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council take the following action:

Authorize the closure of City Hall and the Pomona Public Library at 3:00PM on Tuesday, May 14, 2019, to allow staff participation in Alejandro Aranda's American Idol Hometown Visit Parade and Concert Event

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

City of Pomona lifetime resident Alejandro Aranda is an American Idol TV show contestant and has advanced to the final five contestants as of the writing of this report. American Idol producers have been coordinating Alejandro's *Hometown Visit* to Pomona, including community parade and free concert to be held on May 14<sup>th</sup>, should he advance as one of the final three contestants. This event will be held in downtown Pomona, would foster significant community pride, and serve as an excellent opportunity to positively market the City. Mayor Sandoval has requested that this item be placed on tonight's agenda for Council consideration to allow City staff to participate in the celebration.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** *None*

## **DISCUSSION:**

American Idol producers, City staff and community partners have been diligently working on the *Hometown Visit* episode in the event that happens. If Alejandro progresses, the event will be held in downtown Pomona and recorded for later airing on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. The planned activities include a parade and an outdoor concert. The event planners, Risk Management, and the Police

Department are estimating that as many as 10,000 people may be in the downtown area until about 8:00PM.

Approval of this item would provide for the closure of City Hall at 3:00PM on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, to allow City employees to attend the concert and related events. Employee attendance at these events is not mandatory. If employees choose not to attend they will be given the option to perform their regular duties even though City Hall will be closed to the public or to take accrued leave from 3:00PM until the end of their regular work day.

An email will be sent on Tuesday morning regarding City Council's decision whether or not to close City Hall later that day.

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