

COUNTY OF SONOMA AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY REPORT			Clerk of the Board Use Only Meeting Date Held Until ___/___/___ ___/___/___	
			Agenda Item No: Agenda Item No: _____ _____	
Department: Human Resources			() 4/5 Vote Required	
Contact: Dell Jacoby	Phone: (707) 565-2317	Board Date: 4/21/2009	Deadline for Board Action:	
Agenda Short Title: Ratify Partnership Agreements for the Reverend James E. Coffee Human Rights Awards				
Requested Board Action: Ratify Partnership Agreements with the Volunteer Center and Listening for a Change to present the Reverend James E. Coffee Human Rights Awards, sponsored by the Commission on Human Rights, and authorize the Human Resources Director or designee to execute.				
CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT				
<u>Expenditures</u>		<u>Add'l Funds Requiring Board Approval</u>		
Estimated Cost \$		Contingencies \$ (Fund Name:)		
Amount Budgeted \$		Unanticipated Revenue \$ (Source:)		
Other Avail Approp \$ (Explain below)	_____	Other Transfer(s) \$ (Source:)		_____
Additional Requested: \$		Add'l Funds Requested: \$		
Explanation (if required):				
Prior Board Action(s):				
1/13/09	Board issued Gold Resolutions commending the recipients of the 2008 Reverend James E. Coffee Human Rights Awards.			
1/8/08	Board issued Gold Resolutions commending the recipients of the 2007 Reverend James E. Coffee Human Rights Awards.			
11/14/06	Board issued Gold Resolutions commending the recipients of the 2006 Reverend James E. Coffee Human Rights Awards.			
12/07/04	Board issued Gold Resolution commending Reverend James E. Coffee on his work on behalf of human rights and recognized the recipients for 2004.			
8/24/04	Board approved creation of Rev. James E. Coffee Human Rights Awards Program			
Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval: Past partnership agreements will not be ratified by the Board of Supervisors.				

Background:

In 2004, with Board approval, the Commission on Human Rights implemented the Reverend James E. Coffee Human Rights Awards Program to recognize outstanding contributions by individuals, businesses, non-profit organizations, and public sector agencies/programs on behalf of human rights in Sonoma County. As part of that Board approval, the Commission entered into a Partnership Agreement with the Volunteer Center of Sonoma County to provide fiscal services for the Award program.

In 2005, the Commission revised the Partnership Agreement to include a local human rights agency, Listening for a Change, to partner in presenting the Human Rights Awards. Listening for a Change is a non-profit agency whose mission is to promote understanding and acceptance of human diversity through education, oral history, and the arts. Listening for a Change has entered into the partnership agreement to collaborate with the Commission on Human Rights and the Volunteer Center to plan, promote, and execute the Reverend James E. Coffee Human Rights Awards since 2005.

Each year, Human Resources has had the Partnership Agreement reviewed by County Counsel and believed the Human Resources Director's contract authority extended to Partnership Agreements on behalf of the Commission. This year, Counsel has advised that the Director's authority to sign the agreement on behalf of the Commission must be sought each year by the Board of Supervisors and recommended ratification of all past agreements. Although there is very little to no exposure for the previously signed agreements as the events have concluded, Human Resources requests the Board authorize the Human Resources Director or her designee to execute the agreements. With this clarification, Human Resources has established a process to assure appropriate approval of all future agreements made on behalf of the Commission.

Requested Board Action:

Ratify Partnership Agreements from 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 with the Volunteer Center and Listening for a Change to present the Reverend James E. Coffee Human Rights Awards, sponsored by the Commission on Human Rights, and authorize the Human Resources Director or designee to execute.

Attachments:

On File With Clerk: Partnership Agreements for calendar years 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008.

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

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