



Memorandum

Date: August 14, 2024

To: Mayor Christi Fraga
Vice Mayor Oscar Puig-Corve
Councilman Rafael Pineyro
Councilwoman Maureen Porras

From: Councilwoman Digna Cabral

Subject: **Municipal Sponsorship Donations (Friends United & Amor y Fuerza Foundation)**

Introduction:

Pursuant to Section 2-79 of the City Code of Ordinances on Municipal Sponsorships, I am respectfully requesting support for a donation to two nonprofit organizations: \$1,000 to Friends United and \$1,500 to Amor y Fuerza.

Friends United:

Friends United is a reputable nonprofit organization dedicated to delivering essential primary healthcare services to underserved communities in the Dominican Republic and South Florida. Their mission is to tackle healthcare inequalities both locally and abroad by increasing access to primary healthcare, educating patients, and raising community awareness about critical health issues. The organization operates as a coalition of health professionals, students, and community leaders who unite to make a difference through medical mission trips. These trips provide comprehensive healthcare services, including cervical and breast cancer screenings, health education, and treatment for preventable diseases.

Given Friends United's commitment to improving health outcomes in underserved communities, it is crucial for the City of Doral to support their efforts. This sponsorship will aid Friends United in continuing and expanding their vital services, thereby benefiting many individuals in need.

Amor y Fuerza:

"Amor y Fuerza" is a nonprofit organization based in Miami, Florida, dedicated to empowering and uplifting communities through compassionate and impactful initiatives. Their mission is to foster positive change in Miami, Honduras, Nicaragua, Venezuela, and beyond by addressing diverse needs through their core pillars. These include Education and Support for Low-Income

Schools, Aiding the Homeless Population, Enhancing the Lives of the Elderly, Revitalizing Rural School Environments, and International Outreach and Expansion.

Fiscal Impact:

Each member of the City Council is allocated \$5,000 annually to sponsor events that benefit the community and uphold the City's mission. The proposed sponsorship will total the amount of \$2,500.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council approve the attached resolution authorizing a sponsorship donation of \$1,000 to Friends United and \$1,500 to Amor y Fuerza. This sponsorship will allow both organizations to assist in continuing their valuable work in supporting and enhancing the lives of individuals in need within our community and beyond, as well as support the crucial role in addressing healthcare disparities and improving the well-being of underserved communities, aligning with the City's mission to enhance the quality of life for its residents.