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**CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

Meeting: April 4, 2017

Subject

Partnership request for Community Bridge Award in honor of Tommy Shwe.

Recommended Action

Consider a request from the Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association (APAPA) and the Cupertino Educational Endowment Foundation (CEEF) to partner with them to recognize a community member with the Tommy Shwe Community Bridge Award.

Discussion

Tommy Shwe was the first Chinese American elected to the Cupertino Union School District Board of Trustees, serving from 1985 to 1993 and leading the Board as President in 1989. Mr. Shwe is credited with helping unite the Cupertino community during a time of great demographic change. He was very active in the community, serving as a Board member and President at West Valley Community Services, Cupertino Chamber of Commerce, Foothill/De Anza College Foundation, Silicon Valley Chinese School in Cupertino, Asian Business League of Silicon Valley, Chinese Historical and Cultural Project, SF Bay Area San Dong Benevolent Association, and N. California National Cheng Kung University Alumni Association. Mr. Shwe was tragically murdered in January 2017.

The APAPA and CEEF have established the Tommy Shwe Community Bridge Award to annually recognize a community member that demonstrates leadership in bringing harmony to the CUSD spheres of influence. The awardee will be presented with a plaque at the annual CEEF Gala event beginning in 2018. In addition, APAPA will donate \$2,500 to CEEF in honor of Tommy Shwe.

The City of Cupertino has been invited to partner with APAPA and CEEF in selecting and recognizing the Tommy Shwe Community Bridge Award recipient. As a partner, the City would appoint a Council representative to serve on the selection committee and be present at the CEEF Gala to recognize the recipient.

Staff is requesting Council direction on this partnership request.

Fiscal Impact

The organizations are not seeking any financial support from the City for this award.

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