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City of Merced
Merced Parks & Recreation
678 W. 18th Street
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RE: Co-sponsorship Merced County NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet

Dear Sirs:

Merced County NAACP's 60th Freedom Fund Banquet is scheduled for October 16, 2021 at the Merced Senior Community Center, 755 W. 15th Street, Merced, CA. We are requesting the City of Merced co-sponsor the event.

Our experience using this facility in the past has worked well for the banquet. We are requesting these facilities for October 16, 2021 from 2:00 PM to approximately 10:00 PM. We will be providing insurance as well as the needed security for the event.

The Annual Freedom Fund Banquet is a fundraiser directed under the guidance of National Branch of the NAACP for raising monies for its non-profit organization. The NAACP is a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization.

The NAACP was founded in 1909 in New York City by a group of citizens fighting for social justice to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights and there is no racial hatred or racial discrimination. Previous Freedom Fund Banquets have been a huge success and at this event we are celebrating the 112th year in existence. This year's banquet is also the 60th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet for the Merced Branch of the NAACP.

We would appreciate co-sponsorship of this event as we continue working together for the progressive growth of our community. The sponsorship moreover sends a strong message of support, caring and encouragement for all citizens of Merced County.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Batson
Co-Chair, Freedom Fund Banquet