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

Dear Sirs:

Merced County NAACP's 55<sup>th</sup> Freedom Fund Banquet is scheduled for October 8, 2016 at the Merced Senior Community Center, 755 W. 15<sup>th</sup> 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 8, 2016 from 5:00 PM to approximately 11:00 PM. We will be providing insurance as well as the needed security for the event.

The Annual Freedom Fund Banquet is a fund raiser 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 107<sup>th</sup> year in existence. This year's banquet is also the 55<sup>th</sup> 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,

Kenneth Roberts  
Co-Chairman, Freedom Fund Banquet