



City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: MAY 23, 2023**
FROM: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE **WARDS: ALL WARDS**
SUBJECT: UPDATE ON LEGISLATION REGARDING GENERAL PUBLIC SAFETY AND FENTANYL PROVIDED BY ARC STRATEGIES

ISSUE:

Receive a presentation by Arc Strategies on legislation regarding general public safety and the controlled substance fentanyl.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receive and file an update by Jonathan Feldman with Arc Strategies on legislation regarding general public safety and the controlled substance fentanyl.

BACKGROUND:

On April 19, 2023, Jonathan Feldman with lobbying firm Arc Strategies, provided a presentation to the Safety, Wellness and Youth Committee on legislation regarding public safety, law enforcement and controlled substances.

Following the presentation, Councilmember Perry requested a public safety legislation update be made to the City Council the third week of May. Of specific interest are items related to general public safety and fentanyl. Additionally, the Councilmember requested the City's letter of opposition to Assembly Bill (AB) 742 regarding police canines be updated to reflect our continued opposition.

To allow for the most up-to-date information following the California Legislature's Appropriations Committees Suspense File hearings on May 19, 2023, it was agreed that the presentation would be made on May 23, 2023.

DISCUSSION:

Arc Strategies is the City's contract State lobbying firm that provides dedicated and effective representation with State administration, agencies and departments on behalf of the City. In addition to advocacy services, Arc Strategies tracks and monitors hundreds of bills each year that may impact City operations and services. Johnathan Feldman with Arc Strategies will provide an update and discuss pending public safety and fentanyl legislation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

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Concurs with;

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Jim Perry, Chair
Safety, Wellness and Youth Committee

Attachments:

1. Opposition Letters on AB 742
2. Presentation