

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – LEO Events, LLC

Background:

For the year of 2023 and 2024, Denver Arts & Venues (DAV) issued an RFP that was awarded to a nationally recognized event management company, LEO Events, LLC, for production of the Five Points Jazz Festival. This single-day annual event that is held on Welton Street between 25th and 29th Ave in the city's Five Points neighborhood and is free and open to the public. The 2024 date is TBD, but attendance is estimated to be at 100,000 per festival.

Current Request:

Denver Arts & Venues is asking City Council to approve a contract amendment request for 1 year with Leo Events, LLC.

The Five Points Jazz Festival (5PJF) is an annual event held in the City of Denver's Five Points neighborhood that honors the city's history of jazz. Once referred to as the "Harlem of the West," Five Points hosted notable musicians such as Miles Davis, Thelonious Monk, Duke Ellington, Billie Holiday and Ella Fitzgerald. The festival seeks to acknowledge the importance of the neighborhood and its historic cultural importance to Denver while recognizing the discriminatory circumstances that led to such a notable history.

We are asking the City Council to approve an amendment to the current agreement with LEO Events, LLC for the production of the 2024 Annual Five Points Jazz Festival. The new contract terms will be 4/1/2023 to 12/31/2024.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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