

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Resolution 2024-638

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Freeman

Date of Introduction: August 13, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: R, F

Date of Analysis: August 14, 2024

Type of Action: Encouragement of council action

Bill Summary: This bill expresses encouragement for the use of council contingency accounts, when and where appropriate, that promote equity amongst all council members in the budgeting process.

Background Information: A common budgeting mechanism that has been utilized over the years has been to place City funds in a contingency account for a certain purpose, such as the Special Council Contingency account. This account was referred to as the "Council President's Contingency account" in last year's budget into which funds were set aside for various initiatives and programs to be identified and funded during FY 2024. The purpose of this legislation is to ensure it is clear that decisions with respect to use of City funds are to be made by the Council as a whole and not by any particular Council Member or leadership position on the Council.

Policy Impact Area: Council Contingency Accounts

Fiscal Impact: Varies year to year

Analyst: Hampsey