



Agenda Memorandum

Agenda Item – {{section.number}}.C.

City Council Meeting
May 8, 2023



Strategic Priority 4: Quality of Life

Ensure that Westminster offers a diverse range of amenities and activities for residents, businesses and visitors that honor the city's history and support the arts, parks, recreation, open spaces, and libraries.

Subject: Proclamation for World Falun Dafa Day

Prepared By: Abby Fitch, City Clerk

Recommended City Council Action:

Councillor Baker to proclaim World Falun Dafa Day.

Summary Statement:

- This year marks the 31st anniversary of the peaceful, spiritual practice of Falun Dafa. Falun Dafa is a Buddhist school meditation practice for the body and mind, transcending cultural boundaries and contributing to a healthier, more harmonious society as its philosophy is centered around the universal principles of truthfulness, compassion, and forbearance.
- The 24th annual World Falun Dafa Day celebration is on May 13.
- Millions worldwide celebrate the monumental anniversary of this meditation practice rooted in ancient China.

Fiscal Impact:

\$0 in expenditures

Source of Funds:

Not applicable

Policy Issue(s):

None identified.

Alternative(s):

None identified.

Background Information:

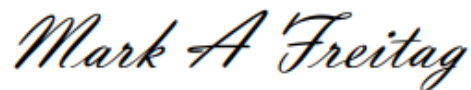
This year marks the 31st anniversary of the peaceful, spiritual practice of Falun Dafa and the 24th annual World Falun Dafa Day celebration on May 13. Millions worldwide celebrate the monumental anniversary of this meditation practice rooted in ancient China.

Falun Dafa is a Buddhist school meditation practice for the body and mind. It transcends cultural boundaries and contributes to a healthier, more harmonious society as its philosophy is centered around the universal principles of truthfulness, compassion, and forbearance. Since its introduction, more than 100 million people in over 100 countries have benefited from it.

Falun Dafa practitioners peacefully defend human rights and freedom, facing brutal persecution. Practitioners in China and around the world have been raising public awareness and resisting persecution through peaceful means over the past two decades; this persecution is still ongoing in China today. Falun Dafa day is recognized for its positive contributions to society.

This proclamation supports the City's Strategic Plan goal of Quality of Life by recognizing the spiritual practice of World Falun Dafa Day peacefully defending human rights and freedom through a meditation practice.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark A. Freitag". The script is cursive and elegant, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Mark A. Freitag
City Manager

Attachments:

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