



DeKalb County Government

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Agenda Item Substitute

File #: 2023-1491
File Status: Preliminary Item

12/12/2023

Public Hearing: YES NO **Department:** Board of Commissioners - District 6

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

To Appropriate \$30,000 from the Reserve for Appropriation to GALEO to Support Programs to Increase Civic Participation of the Latinx Community and Developing Prominent Latino Leaders

Information Contact: Commissioner Edward C. "Ted" Terry

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PURPOSE:

GALEO is a non-profit organization based in founded in 2003. They serve as a frontline resource for the Latinx community throughout the metro-area and focus many of their efforts in the BuHi corridor. Their core belief is inclusive, non-partisan, diversity, and responsive. GALEO strives for a better Georgia where the Latinx community is engaged civically, and its contributions and concerns are recognized. This \$30,000 appropriation will support the 2024 GALEO Institute for Leadership Cohort. The cohort will have 25-40 members of early to mid-career Latinos. The annual cost to run the GIL program is \$157,125, resulting in an average cost per student of approximately \$5,000, which is significantly subsidized to only cost the participants \$250 for the entire year. Additionally, this appropriation will support the GALEO's Annual Latinos Leaders' Summit in 2024 with approximately 100 participants. This Summit's goal and objective is to empower, equip, and encourage continued professional development in the Latinx community.

NEED/IMPACT:

As of 2020, metro Atlanta is one of the fastest-growing regions for Latinx growth. Over 49% of all foreign-born residents in metro Atlanta identify as Hispanic and/or Latinx. The tremendous amount of growth within the Latinx community is due to the ever-growing business scene in the Atlanta metropolitan area. The metro Atlanta region has quickly become a hub for business that attracts a lot of promising job opportunities. The growing Latinx and Hispanic population in metro Atlanta makes this region a focal point for a marginalized group. It's an opportunity for Hispanics and Latinx people to thrive, establish businesses, and advocate for their communities.

GALEO engages in advocacy, creates opportunities for engagement and networking, and develops leadership skills for Latino community members. During the past year, GALEO staff and volunteers have participated in events at food banks, churches, and schools, where they provide information while assisting with free COVID-19 testing and food distribution.

FISCAL IMPACT: D6 Unincorporated Fund appropriation

Increase appropriations for the following account by the amount indicated below:

Non-Departmental - Unincorporated Fund - Other Miscellaneous Payments

(09130.573099.272.0000.0000) -

\$30,000.00

Decrease appropriations for the following account by the amount indicated below:

Non-Departmental - Unincorporated Fund - Reserve for Appropriation (09130.579002.272.0000.0000) -

\$30,000.00

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the request to appropriate \$30,0000 to GALEO and authorize the chief executive officer or his designee to execute all necessary documents.