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**DATE:** May 7, 2024 (Item No. {{item.number}})

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** S. Joseph Simitian, Supervisor

**SUBJECT:** Sponsorship – AWO

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Consider recommendations relating to sponsorship of AWO. (Simitian) (LA-1)

Possible action:

- a. Approve waiver of Board of Supervisor's Policy 3.68.4.2 which requires approval of sponsorship at least 30 days before the event or activity.
- b. Approve County sponsorship of AWO in the amount of \$1,000 from the Supervisory District Five allocation in the Office of the Clerk of the Board Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget to support the inaugural Africa Day event

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION AND BACKGROUND**

AWO will partner with Afriiccionado for the inaugural Africa Day event on May 23 – 26, 2024. Africa Day will be filled with cultural immersion, from enlightening panel discussions to lively outdoor festivities, and will bring people together to pay tribute to the beauty, diversity, and strength of the African continent. Day One (May 23) will be a virtual panel discussion on Digital Harmony: Bridging Tech and Musical Impact. Day Two (May 25) will be Los Gatos Africa Day, which will include performances, storytelling, and a cultural exchange to foster understanding, collaboration, and positive change. Day Three (May 26) will be San Jose Africa Day, which will feature a concert, traditional dances, and food booths.

AWO is a nonprofit organization aiming to achieve a more inclusive and representative world by focusing on the unheard stories of individuals within society to build a more collective understanding.