



**COUNCILMEMBER DAVID ALVAREZ**  
**City of San Diego**  
**Eighth District**

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** October 11, 2017

**TO:** Dana Springs, Executive Director, Commission for Arts and Culture

**FROM:** Councilmember David Alvarez

**SUBJECT:** Allocation of Council District 8 Arts, Culture and Community Festivals (ACCF) with Discretionary Transient Occupancy Tax [TOT] funding for San Diego Opera.

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I am pleased to allocate \$5,000 of my Council Office's Fiscal Year 2018 Discretionary TOT funds to support the San Diego Opera.

The funding would support an Organizational Support Program by funding the Words and Music and Student Night at the Opera. Words and Music is a 36-week in school music education program that will reach nearly 100 students at Memorial Preparatory. The funds would support teaching artist hours of direct professional instruction in music and theater arts. Student Night brings 7,500 students in the San Diego region to the Civic Theatre for the final dress performances of the Opera's three mainstage operas. The funds would be used for transportation expenses.

I respectfully request that a total of \$5,000 be transferred from Council District 8 TOT Fund: 2000205, Cost Center: 1414111219, GL: 512059 and be used to augment the existing contract between the City and San Diego Opera.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Gabriela Dominguez on my staff at 619-236-6688.

**CC:** Whitney Roux, Commission for Arts and Culture  
Lori Witzel, Council Administration  
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Sharon Spivak, Office of the City Attorney