Palm Springs Life (PSL)
Fashion Week El Paseo and
Palm Desert Food & Wine

Three-Year (3)
Sponsorship Request

Palm Desert City Council
September 14, 2023



History of Events

- Fashion Week El Paseo
 - Began in 2006 and has come to be known as the largest consumer Fashion Week event on the west coast.
- Palm Desert Food & Wine Festival
 - Began in 2010 and has earned prestige through its alliance with the James Beard Foundation and inclusion of some of the top-celebrity chefs in the country.



City Sponsorship

- Five-year (5) sponsorship between the City and PSL for these two (2) events expired this year.
- The previous agreement provided \$200,000 for Fashion Week El Paseo and \$100,000 for Palm Desert Food & Wine annually.
- PSL is requesting a new three-year (3) agreement for the same level of support.
- Funding for the 2024 events was included in the FY 2023/2024 budget.



2023 Economic Impact

- Fashion Week El Paseo
 - 5,453 attendees (25% out of market)
 - Economic impact as calculated by PSL was more than \$2.8 million
- Palm Desert Food & Wine Festival
 - 4,043 attendees (67% out of market)
 - Economic impact as calculated by PSL was more than \$2.1 million



Recommendation

• Given that Fashion Week El Paseo and the Palm Desert Food & Wine Festival are the City's only signature events and they both bring great value and prestige to our city, staff recommends continuation of the annual \$300,000 sponsorship with PSL over the next three (3) years.







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PALM DESERT FOOD&WINE

PRESENTED BY
AGUA CALIENTE CASINOS

March 22–24, 2024 at The Gardens on El Paseo



Questions?