



MEMORANDUM

Date: January 4, 2023

To: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Sharon Bronson *Sharon Bronson*
District 3 Supervisor, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

Re: Agenda Item for January 24th, 2023 Meeting

Please place the following items on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting on January 24, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation stating that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby celebrates the 16th year of the Shen Yun Performing Arts in Arizona.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Shen Yun Performing Arts was established by a group of Chinese artists in 2006 in New York with a mission to revive a culture that was almost lost through dance and music; and

WHEREAS, for thousands of years, Buddhist, Daoist and Confucian teachings were at the heart of Chinese society, forming a strong moral foundation that ensured the longevity of the Chinese nation; however, this tradition is almost destroyed in today's China under Communist rule; and

WHEREAS, China's history is filled with tales of courage and sacrifice; integrity and loyalty; compassion and virtue. Shen Yun artists bring these stories to life on stage, displaying the intangible spirit and essence of a culture for people around the world; and

WHEREAS, in ancient China, artists believed that to create true art, one must cultivate inner purity. Shen Yun artists continue this tradition by practicing Falun Dafa. Alongside their rigorous training, the artists meditate and require of themselves self-discipline and selflessness. This is one reason why audiences feel the energy of pure beauty radiating from the stage in Shen Yun's performances; and

WHEREAS, in Shen Yun shows, themes like spiritual devotion, good versus evil, and the search for the meaning of life appear in Falun Gong-related dance stories and lyrics. These programs touch the heart, enlighten the mind and resonate with audiences from a variety of backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, through classical Chinese dance, live music and digital backdrops, Shen Yun takes the audience on a journey of 5,000 years from ancient to modern-day China, depicting the resilience of a divinely bestowed culture and inspiring the audience with traditional values; and

WHEREAS, the Shen Yun orchestra uniquely combines instruments from the East and the West. Shen Yun's all-original compositions feature the perfect harmonies of traditional Chinese music and classical Western music.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the day of Tuesday, January 24, 2023, to be:

“16TH YEAR OF SHEN YUN PERFORMING ARTS IN ARIZONA”

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of January 2023.

The Honorable Adelita S. Grijalva, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors