



# City of El Lago CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM FORM

This form should be completed and forwarded to the City Secretary's Office as soon as possible and at least 1 week prior to the meeting that the item is expected to be placed on the El Lago City Council agenda.

Date requested for City Council consideration: January 18, 2016

Submitted by: Ann Vernon Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: Resolution 2016-01 Committing \$37,327.5 for a Homestead Exemption

City Attorney Review: Yes  No

Degree of importance: Critical  Significant  Elective

Expenditure Account: _____	Fiscal Year: <u>FY2016</u>
Expenditure Required: \$ _____	Amount Budgeted: \$ _____
Budget Appropriation Required: \$ <u>37,327.50</u>	

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Date Received
_____
Ann Vernon, City Secretary

### SUMMARY / ORIGINATING CAUSE

When the FY2016 budget & 2015 tax rate were being considered, it was decided that a homestead exemption should be given to residents. However, it was too late to approve the exemption for the tax year 2015. The budget and tax rate, which included funds for the exemption, were approved and the funds were designated to be supplied to residents in the 2016 tax year.

### IMMINENT CONSEQUENCES AND/OR BENEFIT TO COMMUNITY

On January 16, 2013 the City Council approved Resolution 2013-02 adopting a Fund Balance Policy in compliance with GASB No. 54. This policy states that when funds are designated for a specific purpose, then a formal resolution should be approved committing the funds solely for that specific purpose unless another resolution is approved by Council to release the funds.

### RECOMMENDED MOTION

To approve Resolution 2016-01 Committing \$37,327.50 of the unassigned fund balance in the general fund for a homestead exemption to be provided to residents in 2016.

### LIST ATTACHMENTS

Resolution No 2016-01