

CONSENT CALENDAR

January 21, 2020

To: Honorable Members of the City Council  
From: Mayor Jesse Arreguín and Councilmember Ben Bartlett  
Subject: YMCA of the East Bay Youth & Government Program

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the D-13 expenditure of \$1,500 in an amount not to exceed \$300 per Councilmember, to the YMCA of the East Bay's Youth & Government program.

BACKGROUND

The YMCA of the East Bay provides two different programs in Youth & Government. The Model United Nations provides middle schoolers an opportunity to build leadership skills while gaining knowledge about the world around them and different cultures. The Model Legislature & Court gives high schoolers hands-on civic engagement through a five-day trip to Sacramento and the State Capitol, providing extensive knowledge of California's state government and courts system. Both these programs encourages these students to think critically, strengthen interpersonal communication skills, and raise awareness and engagement in community issues.

To help low-income youth participate in the program, they are requesting donations that will be used to cover expenses that may be financially out of reach for some families.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

\$300 from the Mayor's D-13 account and other Councilmembers who wish to contribute.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Not applicable

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS FOR THE YMCA OF THE EAST BAY'S YOUTH & GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Mayor Jesse Arreguin has surplus funds in his office expenditure account; and

WHEREAS, a California non-profit tax exempt corporation YMCA of the East Bay seeks funds in the amount of \$1500 to provide the following public services: Providing low-income youth financing for their Youth & Government program; and

WHEREAS, the Youth & Government program provides middle and high school students with invaluable hands-on experience in critical thinking, communication, and community engagement through the lens of government and democracy.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that funds relinquished by the Mayor and Councilmembers from their Council Office Budget up to \$300 per office shall be granted to YMCA of the East Bay.