



CITY COUNCILMEMBER
RIGEL ROBINSON
 DISTRICT 7

CONSENT CALENDAR
 September 13, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Rigel Robinson (Author) and Councilmember Ben Bartlett (Author)

Subject: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to the General Fund and Grant of Such Funds for the Center for Independent Living's 50th Anniversary

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember, including \$500 each from Councilmember Robinson and Councilmember Bartlett, to the Center for Independent Living to fund a Berkeley mural project, street festival, CIL open house, three-day conference on independent living, and other activities for their 50th Anniversary.

BACKGROUND

In 1972, The Center for Independent Living was established in Berkeley, California as the first independent living center in the United States, founded in order to support people with disabilities in living independent and dignified lives. The Center for Independent Living engaged in grassroots advocacy that resulted in the passage of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, in addition to some of the first curb cuts in the nation that were installed here in Berkeley.

Their work became the catalyst of the emerging Independent Living Movement, based on the principle that people with disabilities are entitled to the same civil rights, options, and autonomy over their lives as people without disabilities. The movement grew to over 400 independent living centers in the United States and more in 20 countries across the globe.

From October 19-23, 2022, The Center for Independent Living will hold a week of events to honor their 50th Anniversary, celebrate with the community, and raise funds to continue to advocate for and provide services to support independent living for people with diverse disabilities. The Center for Independent Living is requesting funds from the City of Berkeley to assist with paying for their 50th Anniversary events.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No General Fund impact; \$500 each is available from Councilmember Robinson's and Councilmember Bartlett's discretionary accounts.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

No impact.

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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 A GRANT TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SERVICES FOR A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC PURPOSE

WHEREAS, Councilmember Ben Bartlett and Councilmember Rigel Robinson have surplus funds in their office expenditure accounts; and

WHEREAS, a California non-profit tax exempt corporation, The Center for Independent Living, Inc., seeks funds in the amount of \$500 to fund a Berkeley mural project, street festival, CIL open house, three-day conference on independent living, and other activities for their 50th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such services would fulfill the municipal public purpose of supporting and celebrating a treasured disability rights advocacy group that catalyzed the Independent Living Movement and continues to support people with disabilities in the City of Berkeley today.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the \$500 relinquished by Councilmembers Robinson and Bartlett from each of their Council Office Budgets and any other Councilmember who wishes to contribute shall be granted to the Center for Independent Living to fund their 50th Anniversary activities.

