



Internal

URGENT ITEM AGENDA MATERIAL

Government Code Section 54954.2(b)
Rules of Procedure Chapter III.C.5

THIS ITEM IS NOT YET AGENDIZED AND MAY OR MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR THE AGENDA AS A LATE ITEM, SUBJECT TO THE CITY COUNCIL'S DISCRETION ACCORDING TO BROWN ACT RULES

Meeting Date: February 13, 2023

Item Description: Black History Month Awards by the Berkeley Public Schools Fund: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Funds

This item is submitted pursuant to the provision checked below:

- Emergency Situation (54954.2(b)(1) - majority vote required)**
Determination by a majority vote of the legislative body that an emergency situation exists, as defined in Section 54956.5.
- Immediate Action Required (54954.2(b)(2) - two-thirds vote required)**
There is a need to take immediate action and the need for action came to the attention of the local agency subsequent to the agenda for this meeting being posted.

Once the item is added to the agenda (Consent or Action) it must be passed by the standard required vote threshold (majority, two-thirds, or 7/9).



BEN BARTLETT

CITY COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT 3

CONSENT CALENDAR

February 14th, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Vice Mayor Ben Bartlett (Author), Mayor Jesse Arreguin, and Councilmember Terry Taplin (Co-Sponsors)

Subject: Black History Month Awards by the Berkeley Public Schools Fund: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Funds

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of funds, including \$3000 from the discretionary Council office budget of Vice Mayor Ben Bartlett, to the Berkeley Public School Fund for the Black History Month Awards. The funds will be relinquished to the City's General Fund from the discretionary council office budget of Councilmember Ben Bartlett and the discretionary council office budgets of any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.

BACKGROUND:

Every year, during the month of February, our Country honors the Black community by declaring Black History Month. Throughout this month, the goal is to recognize and encourage members of our society to enhance their own knowledge about the impact and influence of Black people in shaping our society, culture, and communities. Black people have made significant contributions in various fields such as science, art, literature, music, and politics. But most importantly, this month is a platform to reduce racial bias as we collectively uplift and celebrate Black voices and perspectives.

To ensure that the funds are properly disbursed and provided to the student participants in this celebration, the proposal is for Berkeley Public Schools Fund to receive and distribute the funds to student participants. This organization has been a reliable resource for educators and for community members interested in supporting public education. The donation of \$3000 will ultimately support various young students who will be able to use the funds for basic necessities, school supplies, and other important educational needs.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:

No negative impact.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

No General Fund impact; \$2000 is available from the discretionary council office budget of Councilmember Ben Bartlett. The cost is as follows: Berkeley Public Schools Fund: Black History Month Awards.

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ATTACHMENT:

1. Resolution

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

AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR A DONATION TO THE BERKELEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FUND TO PROVIDE AWARDS TO STUDENTS FOR THEIR WORK ON HIGHLIGHTING BLACK INVENTORS.

WHEREAS, Councilmember Ben Bartlett has surplus funds in his office expenditure account; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley Public Schools Funds, a California non-profit organization, will receive funds in the amount of \$3000 from Councilmember Ben Bartlett's office expenditure account; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Public Schools Fund supports equitable public education for students, families, and our community through grants and volunteer programs; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of such services would fulfill the municipal public purpose of providing students and the youth with opportunities through educational programs and activities to encourage them to learn and embrace cultural diversity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that funds relinquished by the Mayor and Councilmembers from their office budgets, of an amount to be determined by each Councilmember, shall be granted to Berkeley Public Schools Fund for this purpose of supporting students and the youth in highlighting Black inventors during Black History Month.