



CONSENT CALENDAR  
May 23, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Rigel Robinson (Author), Mayor Jesse Arreguin (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Terry Taplin (Co-Sponsor)

Subject: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to the General Fund and Grant of Such Funds for Pacific Center for Human Growth Fiftieth Anniversary Gala

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$1,000 per Councilmember, including \$1,000 from Councilmember Robinson, \$500 from Mayor Arreguin, and \$500 from Councilmember Taplin, to Pacific Center for Human Growth in recognition of its fiftieth anniversary celebration on June 3, 2023.

BACKGROUND

Pacific Center for Human Growth was founded in 1973 and is the oldest LGBTQIA+ center in the Bay Area. The Center provides mental health services on a sliding scale with a focus on social justice and cultural responsiveness for LGBTQIA+ individuals, QTBIPOC individuals, and their families.

Pacific Center has nearly 200 volunteers and 11 staff members and serves over 3,000 people each year as the only sliding-scale LGBTQIA+ mental health clinic in Alameda County.<sup>1</sup> Their services include peer-to-peer support groups, community outreach, and facilitated workshops.

Pacific Center is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary with a gala event on June 3, 2023 and is fundraising from the community to increase their capacity to provide vital services to LGBTQIA+ and QTBIPOC communities.

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<sup>1</sup> [About Us | Pacific Center](#)

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No General Fund impact; \$1,000 is available from Councilmember Robinson's discretionary account, \$500 from Mayor Arreguin's discretionary account, and \$500 from Councilmember Taplin's discretionary account.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

None.

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 A GRANT  
TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SERVICES FOR A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC PURPOSE

WHEREAS, Councilmember Rigel Robinson, Mayor Jesse Arreguin, and Councilmember Terry Taplin have surplus funds in their office expenditure accounts; and

WHEREAS, a California non-profit tax exempt corporation, Pacific Center for Human Growth, is hosting its 50th Anniversary Celebration on June 3, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Pacific Center for Human Growth would benefit from funding from the community to support its essential programs, ongoing operations, and increased costs associated with its recent relocation to Downtown Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such funding would fulfill the municipal public purpose of supporting the Bay Area's oldest LGBTQIA+ center, which has for fifty years served as a mental health service provider for LGBTQ+ community members, providing services on a sliding scale.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the \$1,000 relinquished by Councilmember Robinson, \$500 by Mayor Arreguin, and \$500 by Councilmember Taplin from their Council Office Budgets and any other Councilmember who wishes to contribute shall be granted to Pacific Center for Human Growth.

