



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
May 14, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager  
Submitted by: Terrance Davis, Director of Public Works  
Subject: Accepting a Donation from Friends of Fountain Walk for Installation of Benches and Repairs to Balustrades of Fountain Walk

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept a donation of \$16,800 from the Friends of Fountain Walk (“Friends”) for the installation of two benches and repairs to the historic balustrades and railings along Fountain Walk, a pathway and staircase from Marin Circle to the intersection of Del Norte Street and Sutter Street.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The cash donation of \$16,800 will be deposited into the Public Works revenue budget for the One-Time Fund FY 137 and will be appropriated into the FY 2024 Street & Utilities Division Maintenance Budget. The Public Works Department is also allocating \$4,600 from the Measure BB Local Streets and Roads Fund 134 for maintenance of Fountain Walk for a total project budget up to \$21,400.

Friends of Fountain Walk donation.....	\$16,800
City expenditure: Measure BB – Local Streets & Roads	\$4,600
Total Project Budget	\$21,400

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Fountain Walk from Marin Circle to the intersection of Del Norte Street and Sutter Street contains a series of decorative concrete railings called balustrades. Over time, the balustrades become damaged by vehicles as well as age, and the City has done several replacements, including work performed in 2012 and 2020. The Friends, who helped raise funds for the 2012 balustrades repair work, wish to donate \$16,800 towards a project to install two new benches on the walk and repair some balustrades.

Construction plans for the work have been prepared on a pro-bono basis by a landscape architect who is a member of the Friends. Public Works has agreed to allocate another \$4,600 in funding from the Measure BB budget, principally for City staff and administrative costs related to the project. Any remainder from City funds would be allocated for construction. These are the items planned for this project:

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1. Install two concrete bench pads
2. Install two precast benches
3. Stabilize and correct five leaning balustrades

This repair project is a Strategic Plan Priority Project, advancing our goal to provide state-of-the-art, well-maintained infrastructure, amenities, and facilities.

#### BACKGROUND

The City's Open Governance Ordinance (OGO) requires City Council disclosure and approval of any gift to the City in excess of \$1,000 (BMC Section 2.06.150, Ord. 7,166-N.S.).

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

This project will have no positive or negative environmental impact or climate impacts.

#### RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Accepting the funds allows the City to repair the Fountain Walk, an important element of the City's historic fabric. Executing this work will also celebrate the work of the community volunteers who raised these private donations.

#### ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

#### CONTACT PERSON

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Attachment:  
1: Resolution

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

ACCEPTING A DONATION FROM FRIENDS OF FOUNTAIN WALK FOR  
INSTALLATION OF BENCHES AND REPAIRS OF FOUNTAIN WALK

WHEREAS, the City's Open Governance Ordinance (OGO) requires City Council disclosure and approval of any gift to the City in excess of \$1,000 (BMC Section 2.06.150, Ord. 7,166-N.S.); and

WHEREAS, Fountain Walk is an important historic element of Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, over time, the balustrades become damaged by vehicles as well as age, and the City has done several replacements; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Fountain Walk wish to donate of \$16,800 for the repair and restoration of Fountain Walk which will be deposited into the One-Time Fund 137 and Public Works will also allocate \$4,600 in funding from the Measure BB Fund 134.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City accepts a donation of \$16,800 from the Friends of Fountain Walk for repairs to the historic balustrades and railings along Fountain Walk from Marin Circle to Del Norte Street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council expresses its deep appreciation to the Friends of Foundation Walk for their kind and generous donation.

