



Office of the Mayor

CONSENT CALENDAR
February 14, 2023

To: Honorable Members of the City Council

From: Mayor Jesse Arreguin

Subject: Berkeley Rotary Endowment: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Fund

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$250 per Councilmember including \$250 from Mayor Arreguin, to the Berkeley Rotary Endowment, with funds relinquished to the City's general fund for this purpose from the discretionary Council Office Budgets of Mayor Arreguin and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.

BACKGROUND

The Berkeley Rotary Endowment is the fiscal sponsor of the annual Martin Luther King Jr Celebration, with the 12th annual event having taken place on January 16, 2023. The purpose of this event is to bring the faith based, business, university, youth and civic communities together to celebrate the life and dreams of Dr. King and to honor adult and youth leaders in our community. During the event, several local non-profits are highlighted for the work they do in the community, and donations raised go to the organizations that are honored.

This year, five different organizations were recognized.

- **Black Girls United:** They work with BUSD to provide safe spaces for Black girls, providing mental and emotional support, skills for peer conflict mediation, and celebrate blackness.
- **Women's Daytime Drop-In Center:** Founded in 1987, today they support around 1,600 people annually with housing navigation, parenting classes, essential supplies, and more.
- **BOSS Women & Children's Reentry Campus:** This program operated by Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS) provides interim housing and services to formerly incarcerated women, providing a transition to stable housing and family reunification.
- **Pacific Center for Human Growth:** Celebrating its 50th anniversary, this is the oldest LGBTQ+ center in the Bay Area, providing a wide range of services such as mental and physical health, support groups, and facilitated workshops.

- **Love Never Fails:** They provide a wide range of services to survivors of human trafficking, including workforce development, mentoring, education, survivor empowerment, and housing.

Funds raised through this Resolution will help the Berkeley Rotary Endowment support these important organizations that carry on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No General Fund impact; \$250 is available from Mayor Arreguin's Office Budget discretionary accounts.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no environmental impacts associated with the recommendations in this report.

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

WHEREAS, a California non-profit tax exempt corporation, the Berkeley Rotary Endowment, seeks funds in the amount of \$250 to provide the following public services to publicly commemorate and honor the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by supporting non-profit organizations who carry on his legacy; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such services would fulfill the following municipal public purpose of bringing the communities across the City, including, but not limited to faith based, business, university, youth and civic communities, together to celebrate the life and dreams of Dr. King and to honor adult and youth leaders in our community.

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 \$250 per office shall be granted to the Berkeley Rotary Endowment to fund the following services of bringing the communities across the City, including, but not limited to faith based, business, university, youth and civic communities, together to support non-profit organizations that carry on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

