



Office of Councilmember
Maxwell Anderson, District 3

CONSENT CALENDAR
May 18, 2010

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Councilmembers Max Anderson, Jesse Arreguin, Darryl Moore and Kriss Worthington
SUBJECT: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget for Berkeley Juneteenth Festival Celebration, June 13, 2010

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution to approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$250 to be relinquished from Councilmembers Anderson, Arreguin, Moore and Worthington's discretionary Council Office Budgets to the City's General Fund to be used for operations and security at the 2010 Berkeley Juneteenth Festival.

BACKGROUND

The Berkeley Juneteenth Festival brings together families with children and prospective parents through education, advocacy, and social networking and grassroots community organizing. The Festival celebrates through music, song, dance, food and serves as an annual union for African Americans to congregate and to share in cultural enriching activities that allow them to bond as a people. The Festival has grown to serve upwards of 1250 member families of more than 20,000 people each year, including vendors, musicians, volunteers, faith based organizations, children, youth, prospective parents, educators, service providers, and many others. Many of the patrons, volunteers, musicians, and families live in every community throughout the Bay Area, and the Festival strives to reflect this rich multiculturalism in our work. It is responsive to the current events in America, and particularly in our community. Thus, we will it extremely necessary that an event in the African American community of this magnitude exist to show solidarity and unity for the just causes of public safety, social improvement and peace. We need your support now more than ever.

All funds raised through the event will directly support the organization's work on behalf of The Berkeley Juneteenth Associations, Inc.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No General Fund impact; funds are currently available from the named Councilmember's Council Office Budgets.

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RESOLUTION NO. ## ### N.S.

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM COUNCIL
OFFICE BUDGETS FOR THE BERKELEY JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL
CELEBRATION, JUNE 13, 2010

WHEREAS, Councilmembers Anderson, Arreguin, Moore and Worthington have surplus funds in their community agencies office expenditure accounts and each wish to relinquish an amount not to exceed \$250; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Juneteenth Festival will be granted up to \$250 from Councilmembers who choose to do so, in order to pay for operations and security for the Festival; and

WHEREAS, the use of these funds fulfills a municipal public purpose because the Festival provides entertainment, celebration, education, advocacy, social networking and grassroots community organizing for South Berkeley families with children, young adult African American males and prospective parents in Berkeley to achieve a more tolerant environment in the community, in schools and service providers through advocacy and cultural competency and to provide enhanced mental health through peer support groups, ethnic and family gatherings which helps to support the City's policies of public safety, non-discrimination and support of public health.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Berkeley that funds relinquished by the Mayor and Councilmembers from their Council Office Budgets in the amount up to \$250 each shall be granted to support The Berkeley Juneteenth Festival.