



Susan Wengraf  
Councilmember District 6

CONSENT CALENDAR  
January 31, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Susan Wengraf, District 6

Subject: Berkeley Partners for Parks to the Friends of the Rose Garden:  
Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and  
Grant of Such Funds

RECOMMENDATION

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

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

No General Fund impact; \$250 is available from Councilmember Susan Wengraf's Council Office Budget discretionary account.

BACKGROUND

We are proposing that the City Council make a grant of \$250 to Berkeley Partners for Parks to help fund the Friends of the Rose Garden. Funds will be used to improve the Rose Garden, build a corps of volunteers to help maintain and improve the Garden and help with projects such as stucco repair at the overlook and restore walkways.

The Berkeley Rose Garden was one of the first Civil Works Progress Projects built under the Works Progress Administration (WPA). It was conceived in 1933 and completed and dedicated for public use in September 1937. East Bay rose societies and community members donated hundreds of hours of volunteer time. The terraced amphitheater and 220-foot-long redwood pergola were suggested by architect Bernard Maybeck; the final design and execution were the work of landscape architect Vernon M. Dean and rose specialist C. V. Covell.

The Friends of the Berkeley Rose Garden has been very active over the past decade in restoring key historical features and improving accessibility to the garden. Working in partnership with the City, the Friends continue to play a key role in improvements to the garden.

The Berkeley Rose Garden is considered by many to be the finest rose garden in northern California.

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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 Wengraf has surplus funds in her office expenditure account (budget code 010-0262-410); and

WHEREAS, a California non-profit tax exempt corporation Berkeley Partners for Parks seeks funds in the amount of \$250 to fund Friends of the Rose Garden to help them make improvements to the Rose Garden build a corps of volunteers and maintain the Rose Garden; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such services would fulfill the following municipal public purpose The Friends of the Rose Garden have been active in restoring and improving accessibility to the Rose Garden, an important Berkeley historical treasure, for the enjoyment of residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Rose Garden is the home to more than 3,000 rose bushes of more than 250 varieties and is considered the best rose garden in Northern California.

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 Berkeley Partners for Parks to fund Friends of the Rose Garden.

