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CONSENT CALENDAR
July 25, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmembers Harrison, Hahn, and Davila
Subject: Referral to the Civic Arts Commission and City Manager to Identify All Funds Attributed to Festivals

RECOMMENDATION

Request that the Civic Arts Commission and City Manager to provide a report identifying all City of Berkeley funds being attributed to festivals and develop a clear policy concerning insurance and permit waivers and providing City security for these events.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Staff time.

BACKGROUND

A report on festival funding would help the City Council and Civic Arts Commission better understand how much funding is being attributed to festivals. In addition, the report would facilitate the creation of a single pool of funding for the purpose of serving grant applicants in a transparent and equitable fashion, as currently there is no formal process for requesting festival grants. The current system lacks consistency in that festivals receive variable amounts of funding and the criteria for receiving funding, insurance and permit waivers, and City-provided security is not clear.

The report should consider the following types of funding sources:

- General Fund allocations specifically directed to an individual festival
- Individual councilmembers' discretionary budgets

The following details for each festival should be included in the report:

- Name of the festival
- Funding source
- Funding amount

We are also requesting development of a clear festival policy concerning:

- Insurance waivers
- Permit waivers
- Provision of City security and other services for these events.

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ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

No Ecological Impact

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