



Councilmember Ben Bartlett
City of Berkeley, District 3

CONSENT CALENDAR
November 28, 2017

To: Honorable Members of the City Council
From: Councilmembers Ben Bartlett and Kate Harrison
Subject: Support the Resilient Shoreline Program of Citizens for East Shore Parks

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution to amend to authorize the expenditure of \$250 from Councilmember Bartlett's expense account to Support the Resilient Shoreline Program of Citizens for East Shore Parks.

BACKGROUND

On September 12, 2017, the Berkeley City Council adopted Resolution No. 68,094–N.S. to authorize the expenditure of surplus funds from the Mayor's and Councilmembers' expense accounts to Support the Resilient Shoreline Program of Citizens for East Shore Parks. Councilmember Bartlett did not donate at the time and would like to do so now.

The Resilient Shorelines Program (RSP) is an extension of Citizens for East Shore Parks' 30-year effort to protect open space and develop a unified shoreline park along the Bay's eastern shoreline. That effort achieved the spectacular McLaughlin Eastshore State Park from the Bay Bridge in Oakland and continuing north along the entire shorelines of Emeryville, Berkeley, Albany and Richmond up to Pt. Isabel. The RSP combines advocacy, science and education with the goal of achieving public awareness about climate change and its impact on the Bay shoreline and organizing a Grand Coalition of public leaders to implement timely solutions.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Supports and advances the City of Berkeley Climate Action Plan and Resilience Strategy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Staff time.

Attachment:
1: Resolution

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

RESILIENT SHORELINE PROGRAM: RELINQUISHMENT OF COUNCIL OFFICE BUDGET FUNDS TO GENERAL FUND AND GRANT OF SUCH FUNDS

WHEREAS, sea-level rise will cause extensive damage to our built and natural environments if we are not prepared. Impacts will include massive erosion, habitat destruction, inundated freeway sections and flooding of lowland communities; and

WHEREAS, Citizens' for East Shore Parks' Resilient Shoreline Program raises citizen awareness about sea level rise, promotes collaborative resilient shoreline solutions through the Visualizing Sea Level Rise Event and the Scientific Forum "Getting Our Feet Wet: Sea-level Rise in the East Bay"; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2017, the Berkeley City Council adopted Resolution No. 68,094–N.S. to authorize the expenditure of surplus funds from the Mayor's and Councilmembers' expense accounts to Support the Resilient Shoreline Program of Citizens for East Shore Parks; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Ben Bartlett would like to authorize the expenditure of \$250 from his own expense account.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Berkeley City Council does hereby express its support for the Resilient Shoreline Program and will join the Grand Coalition of public leaders for a Resilient Shoreline.