To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: Amelia Funghi, Animal Shelter Manager
Subject: Donation to the Animal Shelter from the Stephen and Mary Birch Foundation

RECOMMENDATION
Adopt a Resolution accepting a donation from the estate of Stephen and Mary Birch in the sum of $10,000.00

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION
The donation of $10,000.00 will be deposited in the Animal Shelter Donation Fund: 139-0704-368.20-99. The appropriation of these funds will be appropriated as part of the Second Amendment to the FY 2018 Annual Appropriations Ordinance.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS
Berkeley Animal Care Services (BACS) houses and cares for approximately 1500 stray, surrendered and abandoned animals each year. The majority of these animals are in need of at least some veterinary care. BACS uses donations to pay for the medical treatment of sick and injured animals which greatly increases their adoptability. For example, donated funds will be used to pay for veterinary services provided by a 24 hour emergency veterinary clinic as well as for care at three other contracted local veterinary clinics.

BACKGROUND
Each year starting in 2008, the Stephen and Mary Birch Foundation generously donate money to BACS to be used for the welfare of the shelter animals.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION
The shelter already receives donations from the public and the funds are used for the programs outlined above. The cost of goods and services continue to increase. Donations are greatly appreciated as they ensure that the animals in our care receive the best treatment medical treatment possible.

CONTACT PERSON
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Attaches:
1: Resolution
RESOLUTION NO. ##.###-N.S.

ACCEPTING A DONATION TO THE ANIMAL SHELTER FROM THE ESTATE OF
STEPHEN AND MARY BIRCH IN THE SUM OF $10,000

WHEREAS, the Stephen and Mary Birch Foundation has named Berkley Animal Care
Services (BACS) as a recipient of a gift; and

WHEREAS, BACS houses and cares for approximately 1500 stray, surrendered and
abandoned animals each year; and

WHEREAS, the shelter treats sick and injured animals that have a good chance of
recovery and adoption, and donations are often used to cover these veterinary bills; and

WHEREAS, donations are also used to help in the general care of the animals, to
purchase treats, leashes, collars and toys and to provide critical community programs;
and

WHEREAS, this year, donation funds are also being used to cover help cover the cost
of contracted veterinary care; and

WHEREAS, the donation in the sum of $10,000 will be deposited in the Animal Shelter
Donation Fund: 139-0704-368.20-99.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that it
accepts a donation to the Animal Shelter from the Stephen and Mary Birch in the sum of
$10,000.