CONSENT CALENDAR
February 27, 2018

To:                        Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From:                      Councilmember Lori Droste

Subject:                   Repairing Claremont Court Gates at Russell St. and Claremont Blvd.: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds

RECOMMENDATION
Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed $250 per sponsoring Councilmember, with funds relinquished from the discretionary Council Office Budgets of Councilmember Droste and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute. Funds would go to the Claremont Elmwood Neighborhood Association.

In 2005, the City of Berkeley designated the Claremont Court Gate and Street Markers at Claremont Boulevard and Russell Street a historical landmark. Originally built in 1906, the condition of these gates has deteriorated.

The cost of repairing the gates - restoring bricks, iron fencing, and landscaping would require nearly $60,000. Council funds would go to the Claremont Elmwood Neighborhood Association(CENA), which has applied for additional funding through the UC Berkeley Chancellor’s Community Partnership Fund. CENA is looking for pledges to bolster their application.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
No General Fund impact. Funds are available from the Councilmembers' office budget discretionary accounts.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
No adverse effects to the environment.

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Attachments:
1: Resolution
REPAIRING CLAREMONT COURT GATES AT RUSSELL ST. AND CLAREMONT BLVD.

WHEREAS the Claremont Neighborhood Association intends to repair the historical Claremont Court Gates; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Droste has surplus funds in her office expenditure account (budget code 010-0282-10); and

WHEREAS, the total cost of repairing the gates would be an estimated $60,000; and

WHEREAS, CENA is seeking funds from a variety of sources including the Chancellor’s Community Partnership Fund.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that funds relinquished by the Councilmembers from their Council Office Budget up to $250 per office shall be granted to the Claremont Neighborhood Association to repair the gates.