To: Honorable Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Ben Bartlett
   Councilmember Sophie Hahn
   Councilmember Cheryl Davila
Subject: Seventh Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration: City Sponsorship and Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Fund

RECOMMENDATION
Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed $500 per Councilmember including $500 from Councilmember Ben Bartlett, to the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce Foundation, the fiscal sponsor of the 7th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration, with funds relinquished to the City’s general fund for this purpose from the discretionary Council Office Budgets of Councilmember Bartlett and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.

BACKGROUND
The annual Martin Luther King Jr Celebration, which first started in 2012, strives to bring together a diverse group of East Bay residents to celebrate and continue the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The purpose of this event is to bring the faith based, business, university, youth and civic communities together to celebrate the life and dreams of Dr. King and to honor adult and youth leaders in our community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
No General Fund impact; $500 is available from Councilmember Bartlett’s Office Budget discretionary account.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
No adverse effects to the environment

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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, the Seventh Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration took place on January 15, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this event was to bring the faith based, business, university, youth and civic communities together to celebrate the life and dreams of Dr. King and to honor adult and youth leaders in our community; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Ben Bartlett has surplus funds in his office expenditure account; and

WHEREAS, a California non-profit tax exempt corporation, Berkeley Chamber of Commerce Foundation, seeks funds in the amount of $500 to publicly commemorate and honor the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such services would fulfill the following municipal public purpose of bringing the communities across the City, including, but not limited to faith based, business, university, youth and civic communities, together to celebrate the life and dreams of Dr. King and to honor adult and youth leaders in our community.

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 $500 per office shall be granted to Berkeley Chamber of Commerce Foundation to fund the following services of bringing the communities across the City, including, but not limited to faith based, business, university, youth and civic communities, together to celebrate the life and dreams of Dr. King and to honor adult and youth leaders in our community.