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Councilmember District 6

CONSENT CALENDAR
July 10, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmembers Wengraf, Hahn and Droste
Subject: Community Firescaping and Fire Safety Meeting, July 12, 2018: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount up to \$85 per Councilmember that wishes to contribute, not to exceed \$250 total. Funds will pay for ReScape California, a nonprofit, to provide a presentation on firescaping to Berkeley residents on July 12, 2018 from 7-9:30pm at Northbrae Community Church.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No General Fund impact: \$85 is available from contributing Councilmembers' Council Office Budget discretionary accounts.

BACKGROUND

Predicted climate changes are forecast to produce increasingly severe periods of drought followed by very wet winters (producing heavy vegetation), dry summers, and hot easterly winds in the late summer. These conditions are known to create significant hazardous fire conditions such as was experienced in the 2017 North Bay fires renamed by Cal Fire as the October 2017 Fire Siege.

Community members need fire prevention tools as fire danger has become a year-round concern. Firescaping, landscape design for wildfire survivable space, is one of those tools.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

In compliance with City's environmental sustainability goals

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Attachments:
1. Resolution

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

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS TO PROVIDE A FIRE SAFETY AND FIRESCAPING COMMUNITY MEETING AND PAY RESCAPE CALIFORNIA FOR THEIR PRESENTATION

WHEREAS, Councilmembers have surplus funds in their office expenditure accounts; and

WHEREAS, ReScape California, a non-profit tax exempt organization, seeks funds in the amount of \$250 to provide a firescaping presentation; and

WHEREAS, community education about fire safety, including firescaping, reduces the fire vulnerability for Berkeley residents.

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 \$85 per office, and not to exceed \$250 in total, shall be granted to ReScape California for their presentation on July 12, 2018.