



Office of the Mayor

CONSENT CALENDAR
December 11, 2018

To: Honorable Members of the City Council

From: Mayor Jesse Arreguín and Councilmember Ben Bartlett

Subject: Funding for United Against Hate Week Event

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution retroactively sponsoring the November 11, 2018 United Against Hate Week Kick-Off, waiving city fees and costs associated with the event and authorizing reimbursement of \$7,725 for the cost of stage and production for the event.

BACKGROUND

In response to white nationalist rallies taking place in cities across the country in 2017, the Berkeley Stands United Against Hate campaign was launched. The purpose of this was to counter the hateful rhetoric with a peaceful message of diversity, sanctuary, and inclusion. The popular demand of this campaign led to other cities throughout the Bay Area creating their own versions. A year later, cities throughout the region collaborated to create the first of what will be a recurring weeklong event focused on combatting hate and creating inclusive communities.

On July 10, 2018, the City Council approved Resolution No. 68,508-N.S., In Support of No Hate Week. It called for the week of November 11-18, 2018 to be recognized as No Hate Week (later changed to United Against Hate Week). Over 23 jurisdictions from throughout the region joined the movement in this inaugural year. An event took place at Civic Center Park on November 11th to kick off the week. Due to the costs associated with hosting the kickoff event, the United Against Hate committee through its fiduciary, Not In Our Town a 501c3 organization, are requesting that city fees and costs associated with hosting the event be waived, and seek reimbursement of \$7,725 for the cost of stage and production.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- Waiving of City fees: \$1,576.80
 - Permit fee: \$550
 - Debris: \$172.80
 - Sound Permit: \$44
 - Portable restrooms/sinks: \$810
- Reimbursement for stage and production costs: \$7,725
- Total: \$9,301.80

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ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Not applicable

CONTACT PERSON

Mayor Jesse Arreguín 510-981-7100

Attachments:

1: Resolution

2: Resolution #68,508 - In Support of Declaring a "No Hate Week"

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

CITY SPONSORSHIP OF THE UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK KICK-OFF EVENT

WHEREAS, in 2017, white nationalist groups held rallies in cities across the nation with the intent to create fear in diverse communities;

WHEREAS, in response to these rallies, the Berkeley community created the Berkeley Stands United Against Hate campaign to counter the hateful rhetoric and espouse our values of diversity, sanctuary, and inclusivity; and

WHEREAS, on November 11, 2018, the United Against Hate Week had a kick-off event at Civic Center Park; and

WHEREAS, the event marked the beginning of a week of festivities relating to the promotion of local civic action to stop hate, bullying, and bias; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2018, the City Council passed Resolution No. 68,508-N.S., In Support of No Hate Week, which declared November 11-18, 2018 as No Hate Week (later renamed to United Against Hate Week to match the 2017 campaign of the same name that was the inspiration for this regional collaboration).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City of Berkeley hereby retroactively sponsors the United Against Hate Week kick-off event, has permission to use the City's name and logo in the event's promotional materials and signage naming the City of Berkeley as a co-sponsor solely for the purpose of the City indicating its endorsement of the event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that fees associated with the event totaling \$1,576.80 are hereby waived, in addition to the City reimbursing the event \$7,725 for costs associated with hosting the event.

RESOLUTION NO. 68,508-N.S.

IN SUPPORT OF DECLARING A NO HATE WEEK

WHEREAS, the United States is a nation of immigrants, whose strength comes from its diversity; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution enshrines equality on all individuals, regardless of race, gender, orientation, religion, or political views; and

WHEREAS, recent federal policies and rhetoric have generated a toxic environment that encourages the propagation of racist, xenophobic, sexist, homophobic, Islamophobic, and other bigoted views by emboldened hate groups and individuals; and

WHEREAS, deep divisions within our country allow for the festering of extreme ideology, further strengthening a cycle of mistrust and suspicion fueled by fear, anxiety, and insecurity; and

WHEREAS, the number of hate crimes across the United States has increased dramatically over the past couple of years; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, white nationalist groups held violent rallies in cities across the country, instilling fear across many diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley is deeply committed to inclusivity; and

WHEREAS, Our City of Refuge declaration and the Sanctuary City designation many cities have adopted play an important role in promoting a hate-free environment, and creating safer and more flourishing communities; and

WHEREAS, the community launched a Berkeley Stands United Against Hate campaign to further state our shared values and reiterate our commitment to inclusivity; and

WHEREAS, education, compassion, and cooperation are key to understanding and embracing differences between people; and

WHEREAS, sponsoring a No Hate Week is an important step in bridging divisions and healing communities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that it hereby declares the week of November 11, 2018 through November 17, 2018 as No Hate Week in the City of Berkeley.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Berkeley City Council on July 10, 2018 by the following vote:

Ayes: Bartlett, Davila, Droste, Hahn, Harrison, Maio, Wengraf, Worthington and Arreguin.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.



Jesse Arreguin, Mayor

Attest:



Mark Numainville, City Clerk

