



CITY COUNCILMEMBER
RIGEL ROBINSON
 DISTRICT 7

CONSENT CALENDAR
 April 2, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Councilmembers Rigel Robinson and Cheryl Davila
 Subject: Berkeley World Music Festival: 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 \$250 per Councilmember including \$250 from Councilmember Robinson, to the Berkeley World Music Festival to assist with payment to artist fees, with funds relinquished to the City's general fund for this purpose from the discretionary Council Office Budgets of Councilmember Robinson and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.

BACKGROUND

The Berkeley World Music Festival is a significant cultural event offering extraordinary world music performances by some of the Bay Area's finest artists to the public free of charge. This Berkeley tradition, now celebrating its 16th year in the City, also encourages an appreciation of global music and recognizes the Bay Area as a regional center for world music.

The Berkeley World Music Festival is requesting funds to assist with payment of artist fees. These payments enable the Berkeley World Music Festival to continue hosting a diverse range of the musical acts and musicians who call the Bay Area home, such as Baraka Moon (Sufi Trance & World Groves) with Sukhawat Ali Khan (vocals) and Stephen Kent (Didgeridoo).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No General Fund impact; \$250 is available from Councilmember Robinson's Office Budget discretionary accounts.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

No Impact

CONTACT PERSON

Councilmember Rigel Robinson, (510) 981-7170

Attachments:

1: Resolution for Council Expenditures

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, Councilmember Rigel Robinson has surplus funds in his office expenditure account; and

WHEREAS, a California non-profit tax exempt corporation, Berkeley World Music Festival, seeks funds in the amount of \$250 to assist with payment of artist fees; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such services would fulfill the municipal public purpose of offering extraordinary world music performances by some of the Bay Area's finest artists to the public free of charge, and encouraging appreciation of global music.

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 \$250 per office shall be granted to Berkeley World Music Festival to support the cultivation of world music.