



Office of the Mayor

CONSENT CALENDAR

April 25, 2017

To: Members of the City Council

From: Mayor Jesse Arreguín and Councilmembers Ben Bartlett and Sophie Hahn

Subject: Citywide Restaurant Event to Support Deportation Defense:
Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Funds

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$100 per Councilmember, including \$200 from Mayor Arreguin, to Centro Legal de la Raza for collateral development, event production and advertising, with funds relinquished to the City's general fund for this purpose from the discretionary Council office budget of Mayor Arreguin, and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.

BACKGROUND

The Berkeley City Council has consistently reaffirmed our Sanctuary City Policy. Berkeley became a City of Refuge in 1971, and in 2007, restated this status in response to an increase in ICE raids throughout the Bay Area. In 2016, Berkeley reaffirmed itself a sanctuary city in response to the election of Donald Trump and his anti-immigrant rhetoric, and is leading efforts in the Bay Area to support its undocumented residents with tools and safe environments.

On Friday, May 5, 2017, restaurants throughout Berkeley will participate in "Cocktails for la Causa" (C4C). The purpose of this event will be to raise awareness of deportation and immigration issues, and support local organizations that provide legal defense. Restaurants will be creating food and/or drinks specifically for this event and donating all or a portion of funds raised to Centro Legal de la Raza, which will serve as fiduciary. They will then divide all proceeds from C4C equally between the Multicultural Institute, East Bay Community Law Center and Centro Legal de la Raza. Materials developed from this event will serve as a template for other sanctuary cities throughout the Bay Area to hold similar fundraising events and support our undocumented community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A total of \$1000 from Councilmembers discretionary budgets

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

No impact

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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 SUPPORT FOR A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC PURPOSE

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2017, President Trump signed an executive order that would cut funding to Sanctuary Cities, including the City of Berkeley, despite the court's ruling that the federal government can only remove funding related to a specific policies, and that the federal government cannot threaten to cut funding in order to coerce action; and

WHEREAS, I.C.E. is systematically deporting undocumented residents, whether or not they have committed any crime, from the Bay Area, breaking up families and leaving many destitute; and

WHEREAS, a California non-profit tax exempt corporation, Centro Legal, seeks funds in the amount of \$1000: to promote the event "Cocktail for a Cause", provide event coordination, advertising and fiduciary services; and

WHEREAS, the restaurants that participate in the event will donate funds from the promotion of food and drink to Centro Legal and all the proceed will be shared equally between Centro Legal, the Multicultural Institute and East Bay Community Law Center for deportation defense and support; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that funds relinquished by the Mayor of \$200 and Councilmembers from their Council Office Budget of up to \$100 per office shall be granted to Centro Legal, to support the Cocktail for a Cause event.

