



Councilmember Ben Bartlett
City of Berkeley, District 3

CONSENT CALENDAR

November 14, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmembers Ben Bartlett and Cheryl Davila

Subject: Berkeley High African American Studies Department: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Fund to General Fund and Grant of Such Funds

RECOMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount to be determined by each Councilmember, including \$100 from Councilmember Ben Bartlett, to the African American Studies Department of Berkeley High School. The funds shall be relinquished to the City's general fund for this purpose from the discretionary council office budget of Councilmember Ben Bartlett and any other councilmembers who would like to contribute.

BACKGROUND:

The Berkeley High African American Studies Department was founded in 1968, and was the first of its kind in the United States. The Department's stated purpose is to support African American students in their scholarly journey to better understand themselves and the Black community as a whole. The funds will be used for supporting various events that the department puts on including Black History Month events, Black Graduation and more.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No General Fund impact; \$100 is available from Councilmember Bartlett's Council Office Budget discretionary account.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

No impact.

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

AUTHORIZE 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 Ben Bartlett has surplus funds in his office expenditure account; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley High School's African American Studies Department will receive funds in the amount of \$100 from Councilmember Ben Bartlett, as well as funds from any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such services would fulfill the following public purpose: Berkeley High's African American Studies Department provides events and activities to nurture and support African American students on their scholarly journey.

WHEREAS, such programs and departments are vital to the social, spiritual, and academic progress of the African American community in Berkeley

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 shall be granted to Berkeley High School's African American Studies Department.