



Brent Blackaby
Councilmember District 6

CONSENT CALENDAR
March 24, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Blackaby (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor)
Subject: Berkeley Public Schools Fund Spring Luncheon 2026: 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 \$500 per Councilmember including \$500 from Councilmember Blackaby and \$500 from Mayor Ishii for the Berkeley Public Schools Fund with funds relinquished to the City's general fund for this purpose from the discretionary Council Office Budgets of Councilmember Blackaby, Mayor Ishii and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No General Fund impact. Councilmembers and the Mayor have funds in their discretionary accounts.

BACKGROUND

Since 1987, Berkeley Public Schools Fund Spring Luncheon has brought our community together to celebrate the people and partnerships that shape Berkeley's public schools. More than an event, it reflects a shared belief that strong schools are built through collective care, collaboration, and investment. Each year, educators, families, volunteers, community partners and local businesses gather to recognize impact and look ahead to what comes next. This tradition continues as we come together once again, *Building Berkeley Futures Together*.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no environmental impacts associated with the recommendations in this report.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution for Council Expenditures

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

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF DISCRETIONARY 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 Brent Blackaby and Mayor Adena Ishii have funds in their office discretionary accounts and invite other Councilmembers to join them in contributing; and

WHEREAS, a California non-profit tax-exempt corporation, Berkeley Public Schools Fund, seeks funds from the City of Berkeley not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember, including the amount of \$500 from the office of Councilmember Brent Blackaby and \$500 from the office of Mayor Adena Ishii to the Spring Luncheon; and

WHEREAS, this gathering brings together 400 supporters of public education from all sectors of the community to celebrate the best of our public schools, including our educators, volunteers, and community partners; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Public Schools Fund (formerly the Berkeley Public Education Foundation) is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization established in 1983, when Proposition 13 tax restructuring began impacting public schools. A group of Berkeley parents and community leaders, concerned about the diminishing resources for public schools, created the Berkeley Public Schools Fund; and

WHEREAS, starting with educator grants, followed by volunteer programs, and most recently STEM programming, the Berkeley Public Schools Fund directs resources to areas of greatest need (“equity gaps”) in the Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD) and is a reliable resource for educators, BUSD, and the broader public-school community.

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 \$500 per office, shall be granted to Berkeley Public Schools Fund to support the mission and program work which will be celebrated at the Spring Luncheon 2026.