



CONSENT CALENDAR  
May 19, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Terry Taplin (Author), Councilmember Ben Bartlett (Cosponsor), Councilmember Cecilia Lunaparra (Cosponsor), and Councilmember Brent Blackaby (Cosponsor)

Subject: 100 Black Men of the Bay Area's Tommie Smith Youth Track Meet: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds from General Funds and Grant of Such Funds

#### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per councilmember, including \$500 from Councilmember Taplin, to support 100 Black Men of the Bay Area's Tommie Smith Youth Track Meet.

#### FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

There are no impacts to the General Fund. The mayor and councilmembers can each contribute up to \$500 from their discretionary office budget.

#### BACKGROUND

100 Black Men of the Bay Area has partnered with Cal Athletics to host the Tommie Smith Youth Track Meet in Berkeley for nearly two decades. After a two year hiatus where the Tommie Smith Youth Track Meet was hosted at Chabot College, 100 Black Men of the Bay Area and Cal Athletics are proud to bring the signature community event back to its home in Berkeley, the historic Edwards Field, on May 23 and 24, 2026.

The Tommie Smith Youth Track Meet is much more than an athletic event—it is a celebration of the hard work, commitment, and support of the hundreds of volunteer coaches, parents, businesses, community-based organizations, and government agencies that have helped uplift the children of the Bay Area. Thousands of young athletes have competed in the Tommie Smith Youth Track Meet and many have matriculated to colleges and universities nationwide.

The Tommie Smith Youth Track Meet builds on the goals of 100 Black Men of the Bay Area's Youth Movement Program, which is designed to establish healthy food choice habits among marginalized youth, encourage youth to embrace a culture of structured physical fitness, and prepare youth for academic and career success. 100 Black Men of the Bay Area's programs seek to enhance character development and inspire teamwork

*100 Black Men of the Bay Area  
Tommie Smith Youth Track Meet*

*CONSENT CALENDAR  
May 19, 2026*

in a positive environment that leads to confidence, self-empowerment, and the drive to succeed.

Olympic gold medalist and social icon Dr. Tommie Smith and his wife Delois Smith have helped recruit world-class athletes to train coaches and athletes, solicited clothing, shoes, and equipment for young athletes, and conducted fitness and athletic training clinics in communities across the country and world.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

None.

CONTACT PERSON

Councilmember Terry Taplin, Council District 2, 510-981-7120

Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

AUTHORIZING THE RELINQUISHMENT OF COUNCIL OFFICE BUDGET FUNDS FOR 100 BLACK MEN OF THE BAY AREA'S TOMMIE SMITH YOUTH TRACK MEET

WHEREAS, 100 Black Men of the Bay Area has partnered with Cal Athletics to host the Tommie Smith Youth Track Meet in Berkeley for nearly two decades, and after a two year hiatus where the meet was hosted at Chabot College, 100 Black Men of the Bay Area and Cal Athletics are proud to bring the signature community event back to its home in Berkeley, the historic Edwards Field, on May 23 and 24, 2026; and

WHEREAS, thousands of young athletes have competed in the Tommie Smith Youth Track Meet and many have matriculated to colleges and universities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the Tommie Smith Youth Track Meet is much more than an athletic event—it is a celebration of the hard work, commitment, and support of the hundreds of volunteer coaches, parents, businesses, community-based organizations, and government agencies that have helped uplift the children of the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, the Tommie Smith Youth Track Meet builds on the goals of 100 Black Men of the Bay Area's Youth Movement Program, which is designed to establish healthy food choice habits among marginalized youth, encourage youth to embrace a culture of structured physical fitness, and prepare youth for academic and career success; and

WHEREAS, 100 Black Men of the Bay Area's programs seek to enhance character development and inspire teamwork in a positive environment that leads to confidence, self-empowerment, and the drive to succeed; and

WHEREAS, Olympic gold medalist and social icon Dr. Tommie Smith and his wife Delois Smith have helped recruit world-class athletes to train coaches and athletes, solicited clothing, shoes, and equipment for young athletes, and conducted fitness and athletic training clinics in communities across the country and world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Berkeley City Council of the City of Berkeley approves the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 from each of their discretionary office budgets to support 100 Black Men of the Bay Area's Tommie Smith Youth Track Meet.

