



CONSENT CALENDAR
June 9, 2026

To: Honorable Members of the City Council
From: Mayor Adena Ishii (Author), Councilmember Kesarwani (Co-Sponsor)
Subject: Chavez/Huerta Tribute Site: 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 \$2500 per Councilmember including \$2500 from Mayor Ishii and \$500 from Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani to the Kala Art Institute, the fiscal sponsor for the Chavez/Huerta Tribute Site, with funds relinquished to the City's general fund for the purpose of providing the resources needed for the maintenance of the Chavez/Huerta Tribute Site, from the discretionary Council Office Budgets of Mayor Ishii & Councilmember Kesarwani and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.

BACKGROUND

The Chavez/Huerta Tribute Site, located at Cesar Chavez Park along Spinnaker Way, is centered around a lush green space overlooking the Bay Area. The site has intentionally developed a comprehensive solar/lunar calendar, along with a quartet of stones engraved with four virtues of the Farmworkers Movement: Determination, Courage, Hope, and Tolerance. The site draws from design concepts in art, astronomy, and architecture found at ancient and indigenous sky observatory sites from around the world.

These funds will support fees and costs associated with employing gardeners, hauling soil, conducting stone replacement, composting goods, grounds maintenance, upgrading signage, and paying the Kala Art Institute a fiscal against fee.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No General Fund impact; \$2500 is available from Mayor Ishii's budget discretionary account and \$500 is available from Councilmember Kesarwani's budget discretionary account.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

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

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Attachments: 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 FUNDING TOWARDS THE MAINTENANCE OF THE CHAVEZ/HUERTA TRIBUTE SITE GRANT, A PUBLIC SERVICE FOR A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC PURPOSE

WHEREAS, Mayor Adena Ishii has funds in her office discretionary account; and

WHEREAS, a California non-profit tax-exempt corporation, the Kala Art Institute, seeks funds from the City of Berkeley not to exceed \$2500 per Councilmember, including the amount of \$2500 from the office of Mayor Adena Ishii, and \$500 from Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani, to provide maintenance and upkeep for the Chavez/Huerta Tribute Site located along Spinnaker Way; and

WHEREAS, the Chavez/Huerta Tribute Site brings communities across the city together to honor the virtues and contribution of those involved in the Farmworkers Movement; and

WHEREAS, these funds will support fees and costs associated with employing gardeners, hauling soil, conducting stone replacement, composting goods, grounds maintenance, upgrading signage.

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 \$2500 per office shall be granted to the Kala Art Institute to fund the following services to bring communities together to honor the virtues and contributions of those involved in the Farmworkers Movement.

