



BEN BARTLETT
CITY COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT 3

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CONSENT CALENDAR
June 16, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Ben Bartlett (Author)

Subject: Resorcery Org's Mural reveal and Food Drive Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to the General Fund and Grant of Such Funds

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of funds, including \$500 from the discretionary Council Office Budget of Councilmember Ben Bartlett, to Resorcery Org. The funds will be relinquished to the City's General Fund from the Discretionary Council Office Budget of Councilmember Ben Bartlett and the Discretionary Council Office Budgets of any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.

BACKGROUND:

Nearly one in four households in Alameda County are food insecure, and free fridges are popping up all over South Berkeley to address this need. Resorcery Org was formed to help resource the free fridges in South and West Berkeley, which all struggle to obtain donations that meet the current needs of the neighborhoods they serve. They want the community to know about these free food pantries because when people find out about them, they often ask, "How can I help?"

This Oar That Pirate Pantry at 1820 Stuart St., Berkeley, just received a makeover by community muralist Kirie Ventura. They are inviting community members to a mural reveal and ribbon-cutting with live music, art activities, and community building. Community members who bring something to donate to the pantry will receive a treat!

The event will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2026, from 3-5 pm at This Oar That Pirate Pantry located at 1820 Stuart Street, Berkeley, CA 94703

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:

No negative impact.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

There is no impact on the General Fund; \$500 is available from the discretionary budget of Councilmember Ben Bartlett's office.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft Resolution
2. Event Flyer

Attachment 1:

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

AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR A DONATION TO RESORCERY ORGS' MURAL REVEAL AND FOOD DRIVE

WHEREAS, Councilmember Ben Bartlett has available funds within his office expenditure account; and

WHEREAS, an allocation of \$500 from Councilmember Bartlett's office expenditure account is designated for Resorcery Org's Mural Reveal and Food Drive; and

WHEREAS, Resorcery Org's Mural Reveal and Food Drive is a community-driven initiative of Resorcery Org based in South Berkeley that helps build community support and awareness for a vital food security solution; and

WHEREAS, this initiative strengthens the community by fostering connection, encouraging mutual aid, and building a network of residents committed to feeding and caring for one another;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that funds relinquished by the Mayor and Councilmembers from their respective office budgets, in amounts to be determined by each Councilmember, are hereby granted to Resorcery Org.

Attachment 2:

1820 Stuart St. Berkeley **Join Us!** **Saturday, June 27th, 2026 3-5 PM**

SHARE

Bring a donation and Receive a treat!

Donations

LIKE A PIRATE

That be a treasure to help us eat
At MLK and Stuart Street
a pantry here for all to share
see our new paint and show you care

FEATURING: MUSIC & ARTS AND CRAFTS | AND OUR GRAND RIBBON CUTTING!

For the NEW Community Fridge!
OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY, EVERY DAY!
Accessible to All.

A project of www.resorcery.org