

CONSENT CALENDAR

June 16, 2026

To: Honorable Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Lunaparra (Author)

Subject: United for Health's Moffitt Library Clinic: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund 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 Lunaparra's discretionary fund, and funds from any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute, to United for Health (UFH) to continue its Moffitt Library Clinic for UC Berkeley students, with funds relinquished to the City's general fund for this purpose.

BACKGROUND

United for Health was created in 1991 when a group of healthcare professionals including a Social Worker, four Acupuncturists, a Family Crisis Counselor, a Nutritionist, a Psychologist, and a Nurse Practitioner came together with one common goal: to help bridge the gap in services to those who have the least access to care; at-risk youth, the unhoused, people with HIV/AIDS, and those with pain, mental health or substance use issues. Their staff works closely with many stakeholders, clinics, and schools to intervene with education and preventative services to reduce and eliminate costly medical visits and years of needless suffering. UFH partners with organizations and companies to treat their staff, helping them with stress, depression, and trauma, in addition to giving them the tools to sustain their well-being.

Acupuncture is the most utilized service offered by UFH; it can address addiction, mental health issues, pain, suppressed immunity, mobility issues, and other health conditions that are treated by Western Medicine. All acupuncture treatments through United for Health are provided by licensed acupuncturists.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Since 2006, UFH has offered UC Berkeley students ear acupuncture and counseling, treating their stress, anxiety, depression, pain, trauma, and substance use. Each semester, UFH staff helps them with these symptoms during the three weeks before finals with the Moffitt Library Clinic. These resources predominantly serve those who would otherwise not be able to access them. Offering these services to students reduces pressure on local safety nets and contributes to better public health outcomes across the city.

However, recent fiscal developments, including the loss of critical government funding, have forced UFH to consider cutting key programs, including the free acupuncture and counseling for students. Financial assistance from the Berkeley City Council would allow UFH to continue to provide these services for UC Berkeley students at the Moffitt Library Clinic during the most stressful and mentally-demanding time of the semester.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

No anticipated impacts.

FISCAL IMPACTS

No General Fund impact. \$500 is available from Councilmember Lunaparra's office budget discretionary account.

Attachments:

1. Resolution

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Jonah Gottlieb, Chief of Staff

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

SUPPORT FOR UNITED FOR HEALTH'S MOFFITT LIBRARY CLINIC

WHEREAS, United for Health (UFH) was created in 1991 when a group of healthcare professionals including a Social Worker, four Acupuncturists, a Family Crisis Counselor, a Nutritionist, a Psychologist, and a Nurse Practitioner came together with one common goal: to help bridge the gap in services to those who have the least access to care; at-risk youth, the unhoused, people with HIV/AIDS, and those with pain, mental health or substance use issues; and

WHEREAS, their staff works closely with many stakeholders, clinics, and schools to intervene with education and preventative services to reduce and eliminate costly medical visits and years of needless suffering; and

WHEREAS, UFH partners with organizations and companies to treat their staff, helping them with stress, depression, and trauma, in addition to giving them the tools to sustain their well-being; and

WHEREAS, acupuncture is the most utilized service offered by UFH; it can address addiction, mental health issues, pain, suppressed immunity, mobility issues, and other health conditions that are treated by Western Medicine and all acupuncture treatments through United for Health are provided by licensed acupuncturists; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, UFH has offered UC Berkeley students ear acupuncture and counseling, treating their stress, anxiety, depression, pain, trauma, and substance use. Each semester, UFH staff helps them with these symptoms during the three weeks before finals with their Moffitt Library Clinic for UC Berkeley students; and

WHEREAS, these resources predominantly serve those who would otherwise not be able to access them. Offering these services to students reduces pressure on local safety nets and contributes to better public health outcomes across the city; and

WHEREAS, recent fiscal developments, including the loss of critical government funding, have forced UFH to consider cutting key programs, including the free acupuncture and counseling for students; and

WHEREAS, financial assistance from the Berkeley City Council would allow UFH to continue to provide these services for UC Berkeley students at the Moffitt Library Clinic during the most stressful and mentally-demanding time of the semester; and

WHEREAS, United for Health seeks funds in the amount of \$500 from Councilmember Lunaparra's office budget, and up to \$500 from each Councilmember to help cover the cost of renovations. Councilmember Lunaparra has surplus funds in her office expenditure account.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Berkeley City Council that up to \$500 relinquished by Councilmembers – including \$500 from Councilmember Lunaparra – shall be granted to United for Health to support free acupuncture and counseling for UC Berkeley students at the Moffitt Library Clinic.