



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
June 30, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager

Submitted by: David Sprague, Fire Chief

Subject: Donation from Mary Parker, MD

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution accepting a cash donation of \$2,000.00 from Mary Parker, MD in appreciation of the Berkeley Fire Department.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

This cash donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Mary Parker, MD will be deposited into the General Fund budget code 011-72-742-835-0000-000-000-481110.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Dr. Mary Parker wants to provide a cash donation of \$2,000.00 to the Berkeley Fire Department. Dr. Parker stated that the Berkeley Fire Department responders from Fire Station #2 and #4 have responded multiple times in the past three years to assist her late husband and transport him to the hospital when needed. Following his passing, firefighters and paramedics shared their memories of him, expressing a deep concern for their family with kind supportive spirit.

BACKGROUND

Dr. Mary Parker expressed that the Fire personnel are not good at accepting gifts and wanted to offer a donation to the Fire Department as a way of saying thank you.

The City's Open Governance Ordinance (OGO) requires City Council approval of any gift to the City in excess of \$1,000 (BMC Section 2.06.150, Ord. 7,166-N.S.).

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no identifiable environmental effects, climate impacts, or sustainability opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

This donation will honor the wishes of Dr. Mary Parker to the entire Fire Department.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None

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CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

ACCEPTING A CASH DONATION OF \$2,000.00 FROM MARY PARKER, MD IN
APPRECIATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

WHEREAS, in 2026, Dr. Mary Parker informed the City of her wish to give a cash donation of \$2,000.00 in appreciation of the Berkeley Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, in December 2024, the City received a check in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Mary Parker, MD; and

WHEREAS, the cash donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Mary Parker, MD will be deposited into the General Fund budget code 011-72-742-835-0000-000-000-481110; and

WHEREAS, the City's Open Governance Ordinance (OGO) requires City Council approval of any gift to the City in excess of \$1,000 (BMC Section 2.06.150, Ord. 7,166-N.S.).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that a cash donation of \$2,000.00 from Mary Parker, MD, to the entire Berkeley Fire Department is hereby accepted.

