



CONSENT CALENDAR
June 30, 2026

To: Honorable Members of the City Council

From: Mayor Adena Ishii (Author)

Subject: Berkeley Nikkei Senior Center: 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 to the Berkeley Nikkei Senior Center for their End of the Year Celebration on December 12 with funds relinquished to the City's general fund for this purpose from the discretionary Council Office Budgets of Mayor Ishii and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.

BACKGROUND

The Berkeley Nikkei Senior Center has been providing accessible cultural programs, including an affordable lunch meal program that centers Berkeley's Japanese-speaking and Japanese American senior community at North Berkeley Senior Center since its doors opened in 1979. It was through the support of the Berkeley Japanese American community that the City launched the construction of the North Berkeley Senior Center. There exists a long history of City sponsorship for activities serving the Berkeley Nikkei population at the location.

The Berkeley Nikkei Senior Center is committed to providing culturally sensitive programming for Nikkei community members with an emphasis on diversity and accessibility.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No General Fund impact; \$2500 is available from Mayor Ishii's budget discretionary accounts.

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 A GRANT TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SERVICES FOR A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC PURPOSE

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

WHEREAS, Berkeley Nikkei Senior Center (BNSC) 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 to the BNSC Bōnenkai/End of the Year Celebration; and

WHEREAS, this event will be an intergenerational end-of-the-year celebration on December 12th, 2026 that will be open to community members of all ages and backgrounds. The daytime event will include Japanese cultural activities and performances along with a lunch. Through celebration, the event will highlight the importance of the BNSC program and culminate efforts to raise funds for the continuation of programming in the new year; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley Nikkei Senior Center is committed to providing culturally sensitive programming for Nikkei community members with an emphasis on diversity and accessibility; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley Nikkei Senior Center has been providing accessible cultural programs, including an affordable lunch meal that centers Berkeley's Japanese-speaking and Japanese American senior community at North Berkeley Senior Center.

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 Berkeley Nikkei Senior Center to fund the following service of offering cultural programming opportunities and affordable lunch meals to Nikkei community members in Berkeley through their Bōnenkai/End of the Year Celebration.

