



CONSENT CALENDAR

June 30, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
 From: Councilmember Ben Bartlett (Author)  
 Subject: Little Free Store + Community Services United Clean-up & Mural Painting  
 Community Party - Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to  
 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, for the Little Free Store + Community Services United Clean-up & Mural Painting Community Party event on Saturday, July 25th, 2026, to fund food and material supplies for the event. 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:

**The Little Free Store is a community resource for reducing waste and connecting neighbors.**

The Little Free Store stems from a household of avid recyclers who, during the pandemic, decided to turn their corner fence into a Little Free Store - to share useful things they didn't need, support neighbors struggling through the economic uncertainty, and connect in real time (and not online). Over the years, including a fire, a rebuild, and many informal conversations, it has blossomed into a community institution that uplifts so many people (and has reduced informal dumping at the bollards across the intersection). Every day, folks can be found "shopping" together, connecting, and building community - and the neighborhood is stronger for it!

The community development funds will be used to host a 3-hour Cleanup, Mural Painting & Community Pizza Party over the summer, scheduled for July 25th, on the corner of 63rd & California Streets, where the Free Store is located. Funds are primarily used for supplies, food, and resources to improve the Free Store and clean the neighborhood.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:

No negative impact.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

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

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft Resolution
2. Community 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 THE COMMUNITY SERVICES UNITED CLEAN-UP & MURAL PAINTING COMMUNITY PARTY

**WHEREAS**, Councilmember Ben Bartlett has funds in his office expenditure account, and

**WHEREAS**, Community Services United, a non-profit organization, will receive funds for \$500 from Councilmember Ben Bartlett's office expenditure account; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Services United, a nonprofit, supports reducing waste and building community in South Berkeley, where the Little Free Store is located

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of such services would fulfill the municipal public purpose of reducing street litter and building stronger, more cohesive neighborhoods

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Berkeley that funds relinquished by the Mayor and Councilmembers from their office budgets, of an amount to be determined by each Councilmember, shall be granted to Berkeley Flea Market / Community Services United on behalf of the Little Free Store on June 30, 2026

Attachment 2:

Clean-Up +   
Mural Pizza  
PARTY!

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Join your neighbors at the  
Little Free Store for a Community  
Deep Clean Party, with Mural Painting  
for our new Community Boards + PIZZA!

Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup>

 ↪ 10:30am - 1:30 pm  
@ The Little Free Store



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