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CONSENT CALENDAR
 September 29, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Humbert (Author), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor)

Subject: Music in the Elmwood Festival: 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 \$14,000 per Councilmember including \$14,000 from Councilmember Humbert to the Elmwood Business Association for the Music in the Elmwood Festival in the years 2027 and 2028, with funds relinquished to the City's General Fund for this purpose from the discretionary Council Office Budgets of Councilmember Humbert and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.

BACKGROUND

People are increasingly taking note of the Music in the Elmwood Festival, which is heading into its fourth year and continues to grow in scale. Music festivals help build a strong economic base for our business districts, and we hope to see a sharp increase in attendance. It's hard to beat a free music event that's fun for the whole family, and we want to support the Elmwood Business Association's instrumental role in this event. Neighborhood festivals like this are a symbol of our community's vitality. These funds will drum up financial support and ensure that Music in the Elmwood crescendos for years to come.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No General Fund impact. \$14,000 is available from Councilmember Humbert's office budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with adopting this recommendation.

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

MUSIC IN THE ELMWOOD FESTIVAL 2027 and 2028

WHEREAS, people are increasingly taking note of the Music in the Elmwood Festival, which is now in its second year and continues to grow in scale; and

WHEREAS, music festivals help build a strong economic bass for our business districts, and we hope to see a sharp increase in attendance; and

WHEREAS, it's hard to beat a free music event that's fun for the whole family, and we want to support the Elmwood Business Association's instrumental role in this event; and

WHEREAS, neighborhood festivals like this are a cymbal of our community's vitality; and

WHEREAS, These funds will drum up financial support and ensure that Music in the Elmwood crescendos for years to come; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember has surplus funds in his office expenditure account, which would be key to the event; and

WHEREAS, the Elmwood Business Association is making a play for funds in the amount of \$14,000 to help cover the costs of the festivities in lieu of limited City Civic Arts funding; and

WHEREAS, working in concert for this event would serve the civic interests of community-building, supporting musicians, and trumpeting Berkeley's cultural influence;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that funds relinquished by the Councilmembers from their Council Office Budgets up to \$14,000 per office shall be granted to the Elmwood Business Association for helping cover the costs of the Music in the Elmwood Festival.