



BEN BARTLETT
CITY COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT 3

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CONSENT CALENDAR
October 13, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Ben Bartlett (Author)

Subject: Creations Berkeley - Creations Dance Group Road to Hollywood Nov 27th through Nov 30th 2026 / Hip Hop Hollywood Dance Tour - 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 \$250 per Councilmember, including \$250 from the discretionary Council Office Budget of Councilmember Ben Bartlett, to Creations Berkeley Media & Performing Arts, Inc., to support Creations Dance Group participation in the 2026 Hip Hop Hollywood Dance Tour at Universal Studios Hollywood from November 27-30, 2026. The funds will be allocated 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:

Creations Dance Group is an award-winning Berkeley youth performance team serving underserved and historically underrepresented young people. The dancers train in Berkeley and regularly contribute to the City's civic and cultural life through Berkeley Juneteenth, National Night Out, the Berkeley Community Block Party, Berkeley City College's Umoja Day, youth and neighborhood events, and other community celebrations. The group also earned first place at the City of Berkeley and School Funds Talent Show.

From November 27-30, 2026, the dancers can participate in the 2026 Hip Hop Hollywood Dance Tour at Universal Studios Hollywood. Over three days, they will train with professional dance instructors, perform at Universal CityWalk, and film the annual Hollywood Parade for national broadcast on The CW in December 2026.

This is a professional arts-learning opportunity, not simply a trip. Participation requires program fees, transportation, lodging, meals, and required performance expenses - costs that can place this level of training and exposure out of reach for underserved youth. City support directly reduces that barrier so that family income does not determine who can participate in an opportunity the dancers have earned.

The dancers have already represented Berkeley on local stages. This investment helps them carry Berkeley to a national stage while gaining direct exposure to professional rehearsal, live performance, television production, teamwork, discipline, and creative-industry pathways.

Creations Berkeley Media & Performing Arts, Inc. is a Berkeley-based nonprofit providing young people with high-quality dance, media, and performance education. The organization serves more than 150 youth through school, community, and performance-based programming.

Creations Berkeley, the dancers, and participating families are also raising funds through community fundraising, individual donations, business sponsorships, and other grassroots efforts. City support will complement those efforts and directly offset youth participation costs.

Supporting this opportunity advances the municipal public purpose of youth development, arts education, community representation, and equitable access to educational and cultural opportunities for Berkeley youth.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:

No negative impact.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

There is no General Fund impact; \$250 is available from the discretionary council office budget of Councilmember Ben Bartlett.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft Resolution
2. Hip Hop Hollywood Dance Tour Flyers

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 CREATIONS BERKELEY IN SUPPORT OF THE HIP HOP
HOLLYWOOD DANCE TOUR

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

WHEREAS, Creations Berkeley Media and Performing Arts, Inc., a non-profit
organization, will receive funds in the amount of \$250 from Councilmember Ben
Bartlett's office expenditure account; and

WHEREAS, Creations Dance Group is an award-winning Berkeley youth performance
team serving underserved and historically underrepresented young people and
contributing to Berkeley's civic and cultural life through local performances, including
Berkeley Juneteenth, National Night Out, the Berkeley Community Block Party,
Berkeley City College's Umoja Day, and a first-place finish at the City of Berkeley and
School Friends Talent Show; and

WHEREAS, the dancers have the opportunity to participate in the 2026 Hip Hop
Hollywood Dance Tour at Universal Studios Hollywood from November 27-30, 2026,
including professional training, a public performance at Universal CityWalk, and filming
of the annual Hollywood Parade for national broadcast on The CW; and

WHEREAS, participation requires program, transportation, lodging, meal, and
performance-related expenses that can create financial barriers for underserved youth,
and City support will help ensure that access to this earned professional opportunity is
not determined solely by a family's ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, the experience will allow Berkeley youth to represent their community on a
national stage while gaining exposure to professional rehearsal, live performance,
television production, discipline, teamwork, and creative-industry pathways; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such support fulfills the municipal public purpose of
promoting youth development, arts education, community representation, and equitable
access to educational and cultural opportunities in the City of Berkeley;

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 up to
\$250 shall be granted to Creations Berkeley Media & Performing Arts, Inc. in support of
Creations Dance Group participation in the 2026 Hip Hop Hollywood Dance Tour at
Universal Studios Hollywood from November 27-30, 2026.

Attachment 2:

