

**BEN BARTLETT**

CITY COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT 3

CONSENT CALENDAR

October 27, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Ben Bartlett (Author)

Subject: Harriet Tubman Terrace residents' low-income housing Bay Cruise Lunch event on Thursday, November, 5, 2026 - 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 Harriet Tubman Terrace residents' low-income housing Bay Cruise Lunch event on Thursday, November, 5, 2026, to Nonprofit and 501(c)3: Lifesteps, to fund operational resources. 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:

On November 5, 2026, Life Steps and Asset Living Management will host a Bay Cruise Lunch event for Harriet Tubman Terrace Residents, home to low-income senior and disabled residents, many of whom have never had the opportunity to ride a ferry, board a cruise ship, or travel beyond Berkeley. This recreational event provides an opportunity for social engagement, joy, and exposure to new experiences that enhance quality of life.

The event will run from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at The Berkley Port. The event will strengthen community engagement and boost morale among seniors who travel infrequently. Harriet Tubman Terrace was built in 1970; it started off as a Safe Haven for musicians. It later became a beacon of low-income affordable housing for Seniors and people with disabilities. Harriet Tubman Terrace is named after a human rights activist who helped free slaves. Harriet Tubman Terrace legacy lives on through the residents of Harriet Tubman Terrace and beyond. The program features monthly guest speakers, Jazzy Therapy, and interactive activities.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:

No negative impact.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

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

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft Resolution
2. Harriet Tubman Terrace Residents' Bay Cruise Lunch 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
LIFESTEPS NONPROFIT FOR HARRIET TUBMAN TERRACE RESIDENTS' LOW-
INCOME HOUSING BAY CRUISE LUNCH EVENT

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

WHEREAS, Lights of Tomorrow, a non-profit organization, will receive funds in the amount of \$500 from Councilmember Ben Bartlett's office expenditure account; and

WHEREAS, the Lifesteps nonprofit and Harriet Tubman supports seniors through educational, community, and volunteer programs that connect them with positive experiences from the community; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of such services would fulfill the municipal public purpose of providing seniors with educational programs and activities to empower them to build a more fulfilling and prosperous future; and

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 Lifesteps nonprofit for Asset Living Management for a Bay Cruise Lunch event for Harriet Tubman Terrace on November 5, 2026

Attachment 2:

