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CONSENT CALENDAR  
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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Councilmembers Ben Bartlett and Cheryl Davila  
Subject: The Center for Food, Faith, and Justice and Green the Church:  
Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Fund to General Fund and Grant  
of Such Funds

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per council member, including \$500 from Councilmember Bartlett, to the “Black, Green, and Traumatized: Environmental Trauma and Mental Health” event hosted by The Center for Food, Faith, and Justice and Green the Church on April 27th from 10am-3pm at McGee Avenue Baptist Church, 1640 Stuart Street, Berkeley, CA 94703. The funds will be relinquished to the city’s general fund for this purpose from the discretionary council office budget of Councilmember Ben Bartlett and any other council members who would like to contribute.

BACKGROUND:

The Center for Food, Faith, and Justice (CFFJ) is a nonprofit group that aims to address various interconnected social and environmental issues, such as poverty, and the relationship between huge health disparities and a rise in violence, in the South Berkeley community. CFFJ operates a wide range of initiatives, such as cooking classes for all ages and youth fellowship programs that act as outreach to neighborhoods to address nutrition, sustainability and housing issues.

Green the Church (GTC) is an initiative designed to tap into the power and purpose of the African American church community, and to explore and expand the role of churches as centers for environmental and economic resilience. The initiative works to empower all church members to develop practical solutions to economic and environmental issues in the Black community.

Donating to the “Black, Green, and Traumatized: Environmental Trauma and Mental Health” event hosted by The Center for Food, Faith, and Justice and Green the Church will provide the necessary resources for these organizations to educate and empower their communities on health, sustainability, and ecology resources.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

No General Fund impact; \$500 is available from fund. The cost is as follows: Donation to the “Black, Green, and Traumatized: Environmental Trauma and Mental Health” event hosted by the Center for Food, Faith, and Justice and Green the Church (\$500).

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

AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR A GRANT TO THE CENTER FOR FOOD, FAITH, AND JUSTICE AND GREEN THE CHURCH TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SERVICES FOR A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC PURPOSE

**WHEREAS**, Councilmember Ben Bartlett has surplus funds in their office expenditure account; and

**WHEREAS**, California non-profit tax-exempt corporations – The Center for Food, Faith, and Justice and Green the Church - will receive funds in the amount of \$500; and

**WHEREAS**, The Center for Food, Faith, and Justice and Green the Church are nonprofit groups that provide access to health and sustainability education for underprivileged populations; and

**WHEREAS**, the provision of such services would fulfill the following municipal public purpose of providing educational programs, health equity, and promote cultural diversity among Berkeley residents; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Berkeley that funds relinquished by the Mayor and council members from their council office budget of up to \$500 per office shall be granted to the “Black, Green, and Traumatized: Environmental Trauma and Mental Health” event hosted by The Center for Food, Faith, and Justice and Green the Church.