



CONSENT CALENDAR September 24, 2019

To: Honorable Members of the City Council

From: Mayor Jesse Arreguín, and Councilmembers Susan Wengraf, Kate Harrison,

and Ben Bartlett

Subject: United Against Hate Week 2019

#### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the D-13 expenditure of \$1,000 in an amount not to exceed \$250 per Councilmember, to Not in Our Town for United Against Hate Week scheduled for November 17-23, 2019.

## **BACKGROUND**

Starting in Berkeley in 2017 in response to far-right rallies, United Against Hate was originally a poster campaign that has since transformed into an annual event. The goal for United Against Hate Week is to provide communities with the tools, resources, and support they need to create locally driven actions to stand united against growing intolerance. This annual week of activities and follow up events are designed to not just raise awareness about the dangers of hate and the need for respect and civil discourse, but to help community members build stronger connections with civic leaders, businesses, and schools, so that deeper engagement can continue year-round.

Not in Our Town is a non-profit that serves communities across the country working to build safety, inclusion and equity for all. They are the facilitating organization for United Against Hate Week, and are requesting donations of \$1,000 from each jurisdiction participating in this year's event. Funds raised from these jurisdictions will be used for the printing of signs, communications, and promotion of the event and will leverage additional foundation and grant funding.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

\$250 from the Mayor's D-13 account and other Councilmembers who wish to contribute.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY Not applicable.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

# AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS FOR NOT IN OUR TOWN'S UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK

WHEREAS, Mayor Jesse Arreguin has surplus funds in his office expenditure account; and

WHEREAS, a California non-profit tax exempt corporation Not in Our Town seeks funds in the amount of \$1000 to provide the following public services: Promotion and distribution of information relating to 2019's United Against Hate Week on November 17-23.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that funds relinquished by the Mayor and Councilmembers from their Council Office Budget up to \$250 per office shall be granted to Not in Our Town.