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CONSENT CALENDAR

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Councilmember Ben Bartlett  
Subject: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Fund to the General Fund and Grant of Such Funds for Savo Island Cooperative Homes' 40th Anniversary Celebration

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution approving the expenditure of funds, including \$250 from Councilmember Bartlett, to Savo Island Cooperative Homes' 40th Anniversary Celebration. The funds should be relinquished to the City's general fund for this purpose from the discretionary Council Office budget of Councilmember Ben Bartlett and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.

BACKGROUND:

Savo Island Cooperative Homes, Inc. was built in 1979, one of a large number of HUD-sponsored community affordable housing complexes constructed during the Jimmy Carter administration. There is one like it in almost every city and town in America. For the past 40 years, Savo Island, with the help of both HUD and the City of Berkeley, has provided affordable housing to many families within its 57 units.

This event, which will take place on Saturday, October 19, 2019, will be a block party, a reunion with former residents and a grand occasion for speeches, music and neighborhood cooperation.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

No General Fund impact; \$250 is available from fund. The cost is as follows: Donation to the Savo Island Cooperative Homes (\$250).

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

No impact.

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ATTACHMENT:

- 1. Resolution

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

AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS FOR A GRANT TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SERVICES FOR A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC PURPOSE

WHEREAS, Councilmembers Bartlett has surplus funds in his office expenditure account; and

WHEREAS, a California non-profit tax-exempt corporation – Savo Island Cooperative Homes, Inc. – will receive the funds; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such services would fulfill the following municipal public purpose: Savo Island promotes affordable housing excellence, cooperation, humanity, and community unity in the City of Berkeley by offering a bootstrap chance for a better way of life to its residents and an example of what is possible in the field of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, Savo Island also continues to enrich the City of Berkeley through its idealism, affordability, and diversity; and

WHEREAS, Savo Island needs help in encouraging and enlightening other members of our community and City to support affordable housing wherever possible.

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, of an amount to be determined by each Councilmember, shall be granted to Savo Island Cooperative Homes, Inc. for this purpose.