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CONSENT CALENDAR  
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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
 From: Councilmember Ben Bartlett and Cheryl Davila  
 Subject: February 2020 Berkeley Black History Month organized by Berkeley Juneteenth Association: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Fund to General Fund and Grant of Such Funds

#### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of funds, including \$500 from Councilmember Bartlett, for Black History Month and the Berkeley Juneteenth Festival (organized by Berkeley Juneteenth Association, Inc. 501(c)(3)). The funds should be relinquished to the City's general fund for this purpose from the discretionary council office budget of Councilmember Bartlett and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.

#### BACKGROUND

Berkeley Juneteenth Association, Inc., (BJAI), has successfully produced thirty-two Juneteenth Festivals, and in 2014 began hosting Black History Month Celebrations. Ensuring that future generations are educated about the people, places, and events that have brought our community and our nation a mighty long way, is the cornerstone of Berkeley Juneteenth's commitment to the community. They believe that their most important work is bringing our diverse community together to honor and celebrate African American history, creativity and accomplishments.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Black History Month Celebration will be held on Saturday, February 29, 2020, at the Judge Henry Ramsey Jr. South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St; and the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Berkeley Juneteenth Festival will be held on Sunday, June 21, 2020, on Alcatraz @ Adeline.

2020 funding for both events has been adversely affected. City allocations from the General Fund of \$4250 and \$4050, respectively, were eliminated, and for this current year, no 2020 funding whatsoever has been allocated by the City for the Black History Month event. Funding for this year and prior years was received from Civic Arts for the Festival only.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION Staff time to disperse funds

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 – Berkeley Juneteenth Association, Inc. – will receive the funds; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such services would fulfill the following municipal public purpose: Berkeley Juneteenth Association, Inc. (BJAI) Promotes greater societal cohesiveness and well-being by educating and involving the community-at-large in historical, family, and cultural activities pertaining to people of color; and

WHEREAS, BJAJ hosts various activities including Black History Month Celebrations and the Berkeley Juneteenth Festival; and

WHEREAS, cultural celebrations are critical to the social and spiritual unity of our community, and are integrated into BJAJ events; and

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 Berkeley Juneteenth Association, Inc.