



Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission

CONSENT CALENDAR

October 15, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
 From: Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission  
 Submitted by: Claudia Kawczynska, Chairperson  
 Subject: Councilmember Taplin's Referral regarding Cal Sailing Club's six historic J-Dock berths

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend that Council adopt a resolution designating Cal Sailing Club's six historic J-Dock berths for safety training for boating activities, community service, and recreational education uses, and directing the City Manager to retain the six slips for Cal Sailing Club (CSC) to use for nonprofit sailing instruction programs and to be reviewed every four years.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

At a regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission, after hearing public comment, the commission took action to recommend that Council adopt a resolution designating Cal Sailing Club's six historic J-Dock berths for safety training for boating activities, community service, and recreational education uses, and directing the City Manager to retain the six slips for Cal Sailing Club (CSC) to use for nonprofit sailing instruction programs and to be reviewed every four years. M/S/C (Abshez/Hurtado/U); Ayes: Abshez; Bell; Hurtado; Kawczynska; Ranuzzi; Wozniak; Diehm; Noe: None; Absent: Cox.

BACKGROUND

On May 1, 2024, the Berkeley City Council Agenda & Rules Committee took action to refer Item 26. J-Dock Uses (Taplin) to the Parks, Recreation & Waterfront Commission for consideration. Item 26 can be viewed at the following link:

<https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/legislative-body-meeting-attachments/5-14-24%20TT%20J-Dock%20Resolution%20APRIL%20REVISED-2.pdf>

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

No negative environmental impacts were identified as a result of this recommendation.

Councilmember Taplin's Referral to designate Cal Sailing Club's six slips at J-Dock for their use for nonprofit sailing instruction

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RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

We concur with Councilmember Taplin's report that supports the designation of Cal Sailing Club's six slips at J-Dock for their use for nonprofit sailing instruction programs to be reviewed every four years.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None

CITY MANAGER

The City Manager concurs with the recommendation and supports the inclusion of a \$35,000 budget referral to the Marina fund given the significant deficit in that fund.

CONTACT PERSON

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

CAL SAILING CLUB'S SIX HISTORIC J-DOCK BERTHS

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Marina is a treasured public facility, developed as the Berkeley Yacht Harbor in the 1930s by the Works Progress Administration, which provides recreational opportunities for residents and visitors of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Cal Sailing Club's 50-year unique J-Dock open water location provides incomparable access for sailboats to depart and dock under sail in any wind direction, the J-Dock provides incomparable access for sailboats to depart and dock in open water under any wind conditions; and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit Cal Sailing Club has provided sailing instruction programs and low-income youth programs for free, with membership available at low or no cost to any member of the public, with open access approaches for sailboats at the J-Dock for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, the Open Space and Recreation Element of City of Berkeley's General Plan, adopted in 2002, commits the city to "[e]nsure that park facilities and recreational activities are available at low costs to low-income residents and accessible by public transportation"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley and the State of California are investing unprecedented sums in various capital projects to revitalize the Berkeley Marina and preserve legacy recreational uses; and

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission, after hearing public comment, the commission took action to recommend that Council adopt a resolution designating Cal Sailing Club's six historic J-Dock berths for safety training for boating activities, community service, and recreational education uses for four years, and directing the City Manager to retain the six slips for Cal Sailing Club (CSC) to use for nonprofit sailing instruction programs for four years. M/S/C (Abshez/Hurtado/U). Ayes: Abshez; Bell; Hurtado; Kawczynska; Ranuzzi; Wozniak; Noe: None; Absent: Cox.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Council designates Cal Sailing Club's six historic J-Dock berths for safety training for boating activities, community service, and recreational education uses, and directing the City Manager to retain the six slips for Cal Sailing Club (CSC) to use for nonprofit sailing instruction programs and to be reviewed every four years.

