



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
December 3, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager
 Submitted by: Scott Ferris, Director, Parks Recreation & Waterfront Department
 Subject: Donation from the Eli Kane Fund for the Solano-Peralta Park Improvement Project

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution accepting a cash donation of up to \$86,495 from the Eli Kane Fund to complete phase 3 of the Solano-Peralta Park Improvement Project, including a memorial bench/table in memory of their son, Eli Kane.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

This cash donation in the amount of up to \$86,495 from the Eli Kane Fund will be deposited into the Parks Fund donation revenue budget code 138-52-545-000-0000-000-000-481110.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The family of the Eli Kane Fund wishes to provide a donation of up to \$86,495 to fund phase 3 of the Solano-Peralta Park Improvement Project in memory of their son, Eli, who passed away in 2021 at the age of 20. The City's Open Governance Ordinance (OGO) requires City Council approval of any gift to the City in excess of \$1,000 (BMC Section 2.06.150, Ord. 7,166- N.S.) Without the donation from the Eli Kane Fund, phase 3 of the project would not be possible.

BACKGROUND

The Eli Kane Fund was established by the Kane Family to provide grant funding to eligible projects in honor of their beloved son, Eli, who passed away in 2021 at the age of 20. The website for the Eli Kane Fund can be found at the following link:

<https://www.elikanefund.org/> A detailed story about Eli's life can be found in the following Berkeleyside article from 2021: [Remembering Berkeley High grad Eli Kane](#)

The development of Solano-Peralta Park was initially funded by monies from Measure Y, the bond that passed in 1974 for park development, and contributions from the Solano-Peralta Group. In March of 2023, after a multi-month community process, the City completed the first of three phases of improvements at the park, which involved the installation of a playstructure, water features (play tables, fountain, and pumps), and

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logs funded primarily from General Fund. Phase 2 was completed in October 2024 and involved the installation of picnic tables, chairs, and additional play features funded by Parks Tax. Phase 3 involves the replacement of the wood separators in the concrete plaza with decorative tile, the installation of new trees, new planter beds and plants, irrigation, and a specialized memorial bench/table in memory of their son, Eli Kane.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

This donation will cover the cost of phase 3 of the improvements at Solano-Peralta Park, which involves the replacement the wood separators of the concrete plaza with decorative tile, the installation of new trees, new planter beds and plants, irrigation, and a specialized memorial bench/table in memory of their son, Eli Kane. Without the donation from the Eli Kane Fund, phase 3 of the project would not be possible.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

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

ACCEPTING A CASH DONATION OF UP TO \$86,495 FROM THE ELI KANE FUND
TO COMPLETE PHASE 3 OF THE SOLANO-PERALTA PARK IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Solano-Peralta Park was completed in 1983; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2023, after a multi-month community process, the City completed the first of three phases of improvements at the park, which involved the installation of a playstructure, water features (play tables, fountain, and pumps), and logs funded primarily from General Fund; and

WHEREAS, Phase 2 was completed in October 2024 and involved the installation of picnic tables, chairs, and additional play features funded by Parks Tax; and

WHEREAS, Phase 3 involves the replacement of the wood separators in the concrete plaza with decorative tile, the installation of new trees, new planter beds and plants, irrigation, and a specialized memorial bench/table in memory of their son, Eli Kane.

WHEREAS, without the donation from the Eli Kane Fund, this third phase of the project would not be possible; and

WHEREAS, the cash donation in the amount of up to \$86,495,000 from the Eli Kane Fund will be deposited into the Parks Fund donation revenue budget code 138-52-545-000-0000-000-000-481110; and

WHEREAS, the City's Open Governance Ordinance (OGO) requires City Council approval of any gift to the City in excess of \$1,000 (BMC Section 2.06.150, Ord. 7,166-N.S.).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley to accept a cash donation of up to \$86,495 from the Eli Kane Fund to complete phase 3 of the Solano-Peralta Park Improvement Project, including a memorial bench/table in memory of their son, Eli Kane.

