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CONSENT CALENDAR

JUNE 3, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmembers Igor Tregub (Author), Shoshana O’Keefe (Co-Sponsor), Terry Taplin (Co-Sponsor), and Mayor Adena Ishii (Co-Sponsor)

Subject: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds from General Funds and Grant of Such Funds to Taste of Downtown Berkeley 2025 Event

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember from the D13 Discretionary Accounts of members of the Berkeley City Council, including contributions of \$500 from Mayor Ishii and Councilmembers Tregub and Taplin and \$200 from Councilmember O’Keefe, and inviting other members of the City Council to contribute to the Berkeley Rotary Endowment to support the Third Annual Taste of Downtown Berkeley 2025 with funds relinquished to the City’s general fund.

The relinquished funds will help the Berkeley Rotary Endowment to host an event featuring and increasing visibility for local business and raise funds for their RotaCare Health Clinic, 4-year Collegiate Scholarship program, and Supportive Housing hygiene kit programs. This year’s event will be held on Sunday, June 8, 2025, starting at the Downtown Berkeley Plaza.

BACKGROUND

Berkeley Rotary, in partnership with the Downtown Berkeley Association, is hosting the third annual Taste of Downtown Berkeley on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Featuring over 13 participating restaurants, this event invites people to enjoy and celebrate our downtown’s diverse, vibrant, and ever-evolving food and drink scene.

Proceeds from the \$60 ticket directly support services that Berkeley Rotary provides to benefit underserved members of the community, including RotaCare Health Clinic, 4-year Collegiate Scholarship program, and Supportive Housing hygiene kit programs.

The 2023 pilot event attracted over 200 tasters and raised more than \$18,000 for the Rotary Club's community programs, including health clinic, supportive housing services, and scholarship initiatives. Over 250 tasters attended, raising over \$20,000, during the 2024 event.

These contributions have a positive and tangible impact on our community. Every \$1,000 supports one month of hygiene kits and warm clothing for those in need; and \$4,000 supports a scholarship for one student for a year of a 4-year college. In addition, this event provides visibility and vibrancy for our Downtown Berkeley businesses.

### FISCAL IMPACTS

No General Fund impact. Up to \$500 is available from contributing Councilmembers' Council Office Budget discretionary accounts.

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### ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution

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

**AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS FOR A GRANT TO SUPPORT BERKELEY ROTARY'S THIRD ANNUAL TASTE OF DOWNTOWN BERKELEY EVENT AND FUNDRAISER AND ITS ONGOING COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING**

WHEREAS, the mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley Rotary and the Downtown Berkeley Association will be hosting the third annual Taste of Downtown Berkeley, inviting community members and friends to enjoy the diverse Downtown Berkeley food scene on Sunday, June 8, while raising funds for vital community services, including health care, scholarships, and supportive housing programs; and

WHEREAS, the Taste of Downtown Berkeley actively promotes local businesses and restaurants by fostering community engagement and enhancing visibility; and

WHEREAS, over 200 participants attended this event in 2023 and 250 in 2024, raising \$18,000 and \$20,000, respectively, for Berkeley Rotary's mutual aid projects; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley Rotary's fundraising contributions provide our community with tangible impacts, such as hygiene kits and warm clothing for those in need and scholarships for college students.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Berkeley that funds relinquished by the Mayor and Councilmembers from their discretionary office budgets, up to \$500 per office, shall be granted to the Berkeley Rotary Endowment towards the third annual Taste of Downtown Berkeley event and fundraiser with proceeds serving a public good.

