



Adena Ishii, Mayor

Igor Tregub, Councilmember District 4

Terry Taplin, Councilmember District 2

Cecilia Lunaparra, Councilmember District 7

CONSENT CALENDAR

JUNE 17, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmembers Igor Tregub (Author)
Subject: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds from General Funds and Grant of Such Funds to the Downtown Berkeley Association’s 6th Annual Pride on the Plaza Variety Show, in partnership with Om Nom Nom Productions.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the expenditure of up to \$500 per Councilmember from each of their D13 Discretionary Accounts including \$500 from Mayor Ishii, and Councilmembers Tregub and Taplin, and \$200 from Councilmember Lunaparra, and inviting other members of the City Council to contribute to the 2025 Downtown Berkeley Association’s Pride Variety Show, in partnership with Om Nom Nom Productions with funds relinquished to the City’s general fund.

The relinquished funds from the respective discretionary Council Office Budgets of such members of the Berkeley City Council who wish to contribute will support the Downtown Berkeley Association to host a successful event.

BACKGROUND

The Downtown Berkeley Association, in partnership with Om Nom Nom Productions, is hosting “Pride on the Plaza” at the Downtown Berkeley BART Plaza on Saturday, June 21, 2025 from 1-7pm. The event is free and open to the public and is intended to celebrate and uplift Berkeley’s diverse LGBTQIA+ community.

In its sixth year, this event brings our diverse community together for the day of fun, entertainment and inclusion!

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The current national political climate has been regressive and antagonistic towards the LGBTQIA+ community. The ACLU has identified 588 anti-LGBTQIA+ bills across the country proposed in just this first few months of 2025.¹ Most recently, the “One Big Beautiful Bill” Act passed 215-214 through the House of Representatives, which includes Section 44125 titled “PROHIBITING FEDERAL MEDICAID AND CHIP FUNDING FOR GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES FOR MINORS.” While going through the House of Representatives on May 22nd, 2025, this section was amended to remove the words “for minors,” extending the potential ban to all Medicaid and CHIP recipients.²

Additionally, an executive order was signed on Inauguration Day establishing a policy that recognizes only two sexes, male and female, which is antithetical to the lived experience of many, including, but not limited to, transgender and intersex members of the LGBTQIA+ community.³

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

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

CONTACT

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¹ <https://www.aclu.org/legislative-attacks-on-lgbtq-rights-2025>

² <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/1>

³ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/defending-women-from-gender-ideology-extremism-and-restoring-biological-truth-to-the-federal-government/>

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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 THE DOWNTOWN BERKELEY ASSOCIATION'S 6TH ANNUAL PRIDE ON THE PLAZA VARIETY SHOW IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OM NOM NOM PRODUCTIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley emphasizes partnerships with local community groups to maintain our long-standing tradition of creating a more inclusive society that embraces, treasures, and bolsters the LGBTQIA+ community; and

WHEREAS, Pride celebrations are a time for community-building, visibility, and joy, they are also an opportunity to highlight key policy and resource issues faced by the LGBTQIA+ community; and

WHEREAS, Councilmembers Tregub, Taplin and Lunaparra, and Mayor Ishii have surplus funds in his D13 discretionary office expenditure accounts and will contribute up to \$500 each, and invites other Councilmembers to join in contributing; and

WHEREAS, the California non-profit, tax-exempt corporation Downtown Berkeley Association seeks funds to provide the following public service: 2025 Pride on the Plaza Variety Show; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such services would fulfill the following municipal public purpose: hosting a free event to celebrate LGBTQIA+ Pride;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Berkeley that funds relinquished by Councilmembers from their discretionary office budgets, up to \$500 per office, including \$500 from Mayor Ishii, and Councilmembers Tregub and Taplin, and \$200 from Councilmember Lunaparra, shall be authorized for expenditure from their D13 Discretionary Accounts to the Downtown Berkeley Association's 6th Annual Pride on the Plaza Variety Show, in partnership with Om Nom Nom Productions