



**Adena Ishii**, Mayor

**Igor Tregub**, Councilmember District 4

**Terry Taplin**, Councilmember District 2

CONSENT CALENDAR

JUNE 17, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmembers Igor Tregub (Author), 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 Berkeley's First Pride Fair hosted by Pacific Center for Human Growth.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Adopting a Resolution authorizing the expenditure of up to \$500 per Councilmember from each of their D13 Discretionary Accounts including \$500 from Mayor Ishii, and \$500 from Councilmembers Taplin, Tregub, and inviting other members of the City Council to contribute to Berkeley's first Pride Fair hosted by Pacific Center for Human Growth 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 Pacific Center in its endeavor to host a successful event that will set the precedent for Berkeley to continue hosting large-scale Pride celebrations for years to come.

**BACKGROUND**

Pacific Center for Human Growth was founded in 1973, making them the third oldest LGBTQIA+ center in the Nation, and the oldest in the Bay Area. The mission of the organization is to enhance mental health and overall well-being of the LGBTQIA+ and

QTBIPOC communities by providing culturally responsive therapy, peer-to-peer support groups, community outreach services, and facilitated workshops.

In 2024, Mayor Arreguín designated the third Saturday of August as Berkeley Pride Day.<sup>1</sup> This year, on Berkeley Pride Day (August 16<sup>th</sup>), Pacific Center for Human Growth is planning to host the largest ever Pride celebration in Berkeley's history. By investing in Berkeley's first ever Pride celebration, the City demonstrates its continued commitment to uplifting the LGBTQIA+ community.

## **CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS**

Over the last half century, Pacific Center has provided critical care services that uplift the LGBTQIA+ community by providing mental health support and advocating for LGBTQIA+ self-expression and inclusivity which are essential to quality of life.

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.<sup>2</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, this section was amended to remove the words "for minors," extending the potential ban to all Medicaid and CHIP recipients.<sup>3</sup>

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.<sup>4</sup>

As policy pertaining to the LGBTQIA+ community backslides nationally, the work of LGBTQIA+ advocates is that much more necessary. Pacific Center Berkeley Pride Fair upholds Berkeley's values and supports these growing needs by creating the opportunity to celebrate the theme of Queer Joy, promote visibility, support local artists,

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<sup>1</sup> [https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Berkeley%20Pride%20Day%20\\_0.pdf](https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Berkeley%20Pride%20Day%20_0.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.aclu.org/legislative-attacks-on-lgbtq-rights-2025>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/1>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/defending-women-from-gender-ideology-extremism-and-restoring-biological-truth-to-the-federal-government/>

and educate the LGBTQIA+ community and their allies to be resilient and supportive through tumultuous circumstances.

### **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.

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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'S FIRST PRIDE FAIR HOSTED BY PACIFIC CENTER FOR HUMAN GROWTH**

**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**, the City of Berkeley reveres the contributions of our LGBTQIA+ community to this tradition of inclusivity; and

**WHEREAS**, our nation observes June as Pride Month, and the City of Berkeley recognizes the third Saturday of August as Berkeley Pride Day; 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**, Pacific Center for Human Growth is the third oldest LGBTQIA+ center in the nation, and the oldest in the Bay Area, and in the last 50+ years, Pacific Center has played a critical role in sustaining and improving the well-being of Berkeley's LGBTQIA+ community through their culturally responsive therapy, peer-to-peer support groups, community outreach, and educational workshops that emphasize the mental health, self-expression, and inclusivity that are essential to quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors recognizes the Berkeley community for upholding the traditions of inclusivity and equality through groundbreaking steps, such as: the University of California, Berkeley offering the first undergraduate LGBTQIA+ studies course in the United States in 1970; Berkeley becoming one of the first cities in the nation to establish a domestic partnership registry in 1984; Berkeley being the first American city to mail AIDS information packets to every resident in 1987; and Berkeley emerging as the first city in the United States to proclaim Bisexual Pride and Bi-Visibility Day in 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, regressive policies that undermine the lives and rights of LGBTQIA+ Americans are increasing, including direct attacks to gender-affirming healthcare; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Berkeley recognizes the longstanding historical struggles of the LGBTQIA+ community, and highlights the ongoing life-saving work serving LGBTQIA+

individuals and uplifting the community as a whole, even as federal actions roll back this hard-fought progress; and

**WHEREAS**, Pacific Center for Human Growth's largest ever Pride fair is a testament to LGBTQIA+ history, offering a forum for the theme of Queer Joy, education, and solidarity; and

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

**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 Councilmembers Tregub, Taplin, and \$500 from Mayor Ishii, shall be authorized for expenditure from their D13 Discretionary Accounts to Berkeley's First Pride Fair hosted by Pacific Center for Human Growth.

