



Berkeley City Councilmember
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CONSENT CALENDAR
July 29, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Humbert (Author)
Subject: Berkeley’s First Sun Day Event: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Funds

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember including \$500 from Councilmember Humbert to the Berkeley Rotary Club for the purpose of covering costs associated with hosting Berkeley’s inaugural “Sun Day” renewable energy festival on Sunday, September 21, 2025 with funds relinquished to the City’s General Fund for this purpose from the discretionary Council Office Budgets of Councilmember Humbert and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.

BACKGROUND

Solar energy and electrification have a bright future, and the City of Berkeley has existing policies and programs to shine a light on clean energy. Berkeley’s Sun Day celebration will be a free, all-ages community gathering at Willard Park’s new LEED-certified clubhouse on Sunday, September 21st.

The event will make clean energy feel local, doable, and joyful by showing residents tangible ways to electrify their homes and lives, while showcasing our city’s leadership in the clean energy transition. This event would celebrate renewable energy, spotlight new technologies, and help people warm up to appliances like induction stoves and heat pumps. With local partners, hands-on activities, and practical resources, Sun Day will empower Berkeley neighbors to take meaningful climate action together.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No General Fund impact. \$500 is available from Councilmember Humbert’s office budget discretionary account.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with adopting this recommendation.

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

BERKELEY SUN DAY EVENT 2025

WHEREAS, solar energy and electrification have a bright future, and the City of Berkeley has existing policies and programs to shine a light on clean energy; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley's Sun Day celebration will be a free, all-ages community gathering at Willard Park's new LEED-certified clubhouse on Sunday, September 21st, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the event will make clean energy feel local, doable, and joyful by showing residents tangible ways to electrify their homes and lives, while showcasing our city's leadership in the clean energy transition; and

WHEREAS, neighborhood and city events like this energize our community; and

WHEREAS, this event would celebrate renewable energy, spotlight new technologies, and help people warm up to appliances like induction stoves and heat pumps; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember has surplus funds in his office expenditure account, which would rays needed support for the event; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Rotary Club and the Sierra Club plan a fusion of effort to support the festivities; and

WHEREAS, with local partners, hands-on activities, and practical resources, Sun Day will empower Berkeley neighbors to take meaningful climate action together;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that funds relinquished by the Councilmembers from their Council Office Budgets up to \$500 per office shall be granted to the Berkeley Rotary Club for helping cover the costs of the First Berkeley Sun Day Event.