



CONSENT CALENDAR
November 10, 2025

To: Honorable Members of the City Council

From: Mayor Ishii (Author), Councilmembers Bartlett, Humbert, and Lunaparra
(Co-Sponsors)

Subject: Fifteenth Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration: City Sponsorship and Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Fund

RECOMMENDATION

1. Adopt a Resolution co-sponsoring the 15th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration on January 19, 2026.
2. Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember including \$500 from Mayor Ishii, to the Berkeley Rotary Endowment, the fiscal sponsor of the 15th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration, with funds relinquished to the City's general fund for this purpose from the discretionary Council Office Budgets of Mayor Ishii and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.

BACKGROUND

The annual Martin Luther King Jr Celebration, which first started in 2012, strives to bring together a diverse group of East Bay residents to celebrate and continue the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The purpose of this event is to bring the faith based, business, university, youth and civic communities together to celebrate the life and dreams of Dr. King and to honor adult and youth leaders in our community.

The theme of this year's event is "Beyond the Dream, Be the Light". This theme is in recognition that amidst the broad challenges we as a society currently face, the community and residents of Berkeley can be the light forward. This annual event provides an opportunity to recognize youth, community, and civic leaders who are furthering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy in their work to build community and a vision for the future.

We are proposing that City Councilmembers make individual grants of up to \$500 to the Berkeley Rotary Endowment to commemorate and honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr and support organizations being recognized at the event. The breakfast event is being held in person at the DoubleTree Hotel at the Marina, January 19, 2024. Funding that is

raised will be used to provide scholarships to high school leaders recognized during the program along with a small honorarium to community action awardees.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No General Fund impact; \$500 is available from Mayor Ishii's Office Budget discretionary accounts.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no environmental impacts associated with the recommendations in this report.

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Attachments: 1: Resolution for City Sponsorship 2: Resolution for Council Expenditures

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

CITY SPONSORSHIP OF THE 15TH ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
CELEBRATION

WHEREAS, the Fifteenth Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration will take place on January 19, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this event is to bring the faith based, business, university, youth and civic communities together to celebrate the life and dreams of Dr. King and to honor adult and youth leaders in our community; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's event is "Beyond the Dream, Be the Light", in recognition that amidst the broad challenges we as a society currently face, the community and residents of Berkeley can be the light forward. This annual event provides an opportunity to recognize youth, community, and civic leaders who are furthering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy in their work to build community and a vision for the future, and

WHEREAS, historically the Berkeley City Council has generously provided sponsorship for this event.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City of Berkeley hereby co-sponsors the 15th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, has permission to use the City's name and logo in the event's promotional materials and signage naming the City of Berkeley as a co-sponsor solely for the purpose of the City indicating its endorsement of the event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this co-sponsorship does not: (1) authorize financial support, whether in the form of fee waivers, a grant or provision of City services for free; (2) constitute the acceptance of any liability, management, or control on the part of the City for or over the MLK Jr Celebration; or (3) constitute regulatory approval of the event.

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

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF DISCRETIONARY FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS FOR A GRANT TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SERVICES FOR A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC PURPOSE

WHEREAS, Mayor Adena Ishii has funds in her office discretionary account; and

WHEREAS, a California non-profit tax-exempt corporation, the Berkeley Rotary Endowment, seeks funds in the amount of \$500 to provide the following public services to publicly commemorate and honor the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such services would fulfill the following municipal public purpose of bringing the communities across the City, including, but not limited to faith based, business, university, youth and civic communities, together to celebrate the life and dreams of Dr. King and to honor adult and youth leaders in our community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that funds relinquished by the Mayor and Councilmembers from their Council Office Budget up to \$500 per office shall be granted to the Berkeley Rotary Endowment to fund the following services of bringing the communities across the City, including, but not limited to faith based, business, university, youth and civic communities, together to celebrate the life and dreams of Dr. King and to honor adult and youth leaders in our community.