

Councilmember Taplin District 2

TIME CRITICAL AGENDA MATERIAL

Meeting Date: September 14th, 2026

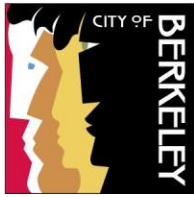
Item Description: Cal Sailing's Final 2026 Open House: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds from General Funds and Grant of Such Funds.

Cal Sailing's event is happening before the next possible meeting submission. In order to submit discretionary funds towards the event, it would be required by state law to be sent before the event takes place.

Time Critical Items. A Time Critical item is defined as a matter that is considered urgent by the sponsor and that has a deadline for action that is prior to the next meeting of the Council and for which a report prepared by the City Manager, Auditor, Mayor or Council Member is received by the City Clerk after established deadlines and is not included on the Agenda Committee's published agenda.

The author of the report shall bring any reports submitted as Time Critical to the meeting of the Agenda Committee. **Per BMC 2.06.060 (D), Time Critical items must be accompanied by complete reports and statements of financial implications.**

If the Agenda Committee finds the matter to meet the definition of Time Critical, the Agenda Committee may place the matter on the Agenda on either the Consent or Action Calendar



BERKELEY CITY COUNCILMEMBER
TERRY TAPLIN
DISTRICT 2

CONSENT CALENDAR
September 29th, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Terry Taplin

Subject: Cal Sailing Club's Final 2026 Open House: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds from General Funds and Grant of Such Funds.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$1,000 per Councilmember, including \$1,000 from Councilmember Taplin, to support Cal Sailing Club's Final 2026 Open House in October .

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

No General Fund impacts. Up to \$1,000 is available from contributing Councilmember's Council Office Budget discretionary accounts.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Cal Sailing Club (CSC) is a non-profit, volunteer-run sailing and windsurfing club that offers lessons, recreation, and free programs for the general public and for summer programs. Members get lessons and, after achieving ratings, use of the club's fleet of 26 dinghies, 6 keelboats and 80 windsurfing boards including novice, intermediate, and advanced designs. Located on the south side of the Berkeley Marina, CSC's major activity is teaching sailing and windsurfing safety.

The club's programs for the general public and organized groups include Introductory Sails, land sailing school (in cooperation with the Nature Center and the Pegasus Project), summer sailing for youth groups including Berkeley and Albany YMCA's and Berkeley Youth Alternatives, windsurfing seminars, lectures, and clinics. These services are provided by club volunteers.

The Cal Sailing Club is not part of the University of California and membership is open to the public. The Club is open all year, from noon to sunset on weekdays and from 9:00 AM to sunset on weekends. Instruction, maintenance, and administration are all done by volunteer members.

The Cal Sailing Club offers sailing to the public aboard their fleet of keelboats and dinghies ten times a year. Their popular Open Houses are a great way to get a free sail of around ½ hour in one of the most beautiful settings on the planet -- and to learn about boat and waterfront safety, Bay ecology, and the fun of non-motorized watercraft.

The Division of Boating and Waterways, California State Department of Parks and Recreation funds Cal Sailing Club to enhance boaters' knowledge of boating laws, practical handling of vessels on the water, weather and water conditions, rules of the road, equipment requirements and environmental stewardship.

BACKGROUND

Prior to 1970, sailing instruction, recreational sailing, and intercollegiate competitive sailing were all in one boathouse under one organization. These groups had conflicting needs and desires and self-split into three new categories after this. Cal Sailing Club (CSC) became an independent, non-profit corporation, and took over ownership of eight 14-foot boats and three 22-foot boats, among others. Within a year or two, as the Berkeley Marina neared completion, CSC moved from the old location near the Berkeley Yacht Club to the present site at the South Sailing Basin. Three berths for the larger boats were provided on the newly-completed J-dock. In 1974, a small building was designed and built by club members to supplement the maintenance shed provided by the City.

Between 1970 and 1979, CSC's membership was limited to students, faculty, and former students of any UC campus. It was felt at the time that the predominantly student character of the membership had to be maintained in order to qualify as a Student Activity, and to be included under UC's blanket insurance coverage. Even so, non-U.C. affiliated people were unofficially encouraged to join anyway. Membership peaked at 300 to 350 members during these years, probably about two-thirds of them students. A full program of instructional, recreational, and low-key competitive sailing was offered, not unlike the present operation. Little if any subsidy was received from either the U.C. or the A.S.U.C.

In 1979 proposals by the UC suggested that CSC would come under the control of UC's Department of Intramural Sports and Recreation, which would have resulted in the loss of nearly all of CSC's autonomy, along with ownership of the boats and much of its character as a volunteer-based organization. CSC opted to remain independent. The result was that CSC found its own insurance and opened its doors to the public on an official basis.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

No direct environmental impact reports were identified from that impact of this item.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

September 29th, 2026

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

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

WHEREAS, Councilmember Taplin has surplus funds in his office expenditure account (budget code 011-11-102-100-0000-000-411); and

WHEREAS, a private 501(c)(3) non-profit tax-exempt corporation Cal Sailing Club seeks funds in the amount of \$1,000 to support their continued fundraising; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such services would fulfill the following municipal public purpose: keeping affordable access to the San Francisco Bay for Berkeley residents and visitors alike;

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 \$1,000 amount per office shall be granted to Cal Sailing Club to support access to the San Francisco Bay to Berkeley residents and visitors alike and to keep the historic recreation of sailing active and continuous for generations to come.