



Office of the Mayor

CONSENT CALENDAR
December 5, 2023

To: Honorable Members of the City Council

From: Mayor Arreguin (Author), Councilmembers Hahn and Wengraf (Co-Sponsors)

Subject: Thirteenth 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 13th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration on January 15, 2024.
2. Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$250 per Councilmember including \$250 from Mayor Arreguin, to the Berkeley Rotary Endowment, the fiscal sponsor of the 13th 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 Arreguin 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, Embracing Unity". This theme is in recognition of the divisions being experienced as a community and nation; and will give a chance to recognize youth, community, and civic leaders who are furthering MLK Jr's legacy in their work to move people from conflict to unity.

We are proposing that City Councilmembers make individual grants of up to \$250 to the Berkeley Rotary Endowment to commemorate and honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr and support organizations being recognized at the event. The event is being held virtually on January 15, 2024. Funding that is raised will be used to provide scholarships to middle and high school leaders recognized during the program along with a small honorarium to community action awardees.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No General Fund impact; \$250 is available from Mayor Arreguin'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 13TH ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
CELEBRATION

WHEREAS, the Thirteenth Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration will take place on January 15, 2024; 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, Embracing Unity", in recognition of the divisions being experienced as a community and nation, and the work being done by youth, community, and civic leaders who are furthering MLK Jr's legacy in their work to move people from conflict to unity; 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 13th 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 SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE
EXPENSE ACCOUNTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS FOR A GRANT
TOPROVIDE PUBLIC SERVICES FOR A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC PURPOSE

WHEREAS, Mayor Jesse Arreguin has surplus funds in his office expenditure account;
and

WHEREAS, a California non-profit tax exempt corporation, the Berkeley Rotary
Endowment, seeks funds in the amount of \$250 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 \$250 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.