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Councilmember, District 4

## TIME CRITICAL AGENDA MATERIAL

**Meeting Date:** May 8, 2023

**Item Description:** Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to the Berkeley Rotary Endowment and Co-Sponsorship of 2023 Taste of Downtown Berkeley Event Serving a Municipal Public Purpose

This item is being submitted as time critical due to a delay in receiving notice of the event after the published submission date for the May 23, 2023 meeting. Event organizers value City sponsorship and hope to utilize the City's name and logo as soon as possible ahead of the event on June 11.

**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



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CONSENT CALENDAR  
May 23, 2023

TO: Honorable Members of the City Council

FROM: Councilmember Harrison

SUBJECT: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to the Berkeley Rotary Endowment and Co-Sponsorship of 2023 Taste of Downtown Berkeley Event Serving a Municipal Public Purpose

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution approving the expenditure to grant Berkeley Rotary Endowment, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, \$500 for and co-sponsorship of the 2023 Taste of Downtown Berkeley Event Serving a Municipal Public Purpose, with funds relinquished to the City's general fund for this purpose from Councilmember Harrison's discretionary Council Office Budget Fund, and from any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.

BACKGROUND

The mission of Rotary is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Berkeley Rotary is one of 34,282 Rotary clubs worldwide with over 1.2 million members who are neighbors, community leaders, and global citizens uniting for the common good. Rotary International brings together leaders from all continents, cultures and occupations who step forward to take on some of the toughest challenges around the world. Currently Berkeley Rotary Club has approximately 120 members and growing. Chartered in 1916, Berkeley is one of the oldest Rotary Clubs in the world.

The Berkeley Rotary and Downtown Berkeley Association will be hosting the first Annual Taste of Downtown Berkeley, celebrating the exciting culinary scene in Downtown Berkeley, on Sunday, June 11 from 2 to 6 pm, and fundraising for important community needs.

Proceeds from the event will support the Berkeley Rotary's community programs, including their RotaCare health clinic providing critical care to uninsured individuals, their scholarship program helping to support education of 15 low-income students, and their supportive housing services which provide hygiene kits and food to people in need in the Berkeley community.

As a sponsor of Taste of Downtown Berkeley, the City will receive recognition at the event, on their website, and promotional materials. The event will also help showcase local restaurants.

Event planners expect 200-300 people from Berkeley and the East Bay to stroll and enjoy gourmet bites and drinks from local chefs across 15-20 restaurants in the Downtown. Tickets will be \$60.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

No General Fund impact. \$500 is available from Councilmember Harrison's office account.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Not applicable.

CONTACT PERSON

Councilmember Kate Harrison, (510) 981-7140

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution Co-sponsoring the Event
2. Resolution Granting Office Funds for a Municipal Purpose

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

CITY SPONSORSHIP OF THE FIRST ANNUAL TASTE OF  
DOWNTOWN BERKELEY EVENT AND FUNDRAISER

WHEREAS, the mission of Berkeley Rotary, and 501(c)(3) non-profit, is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Rotary and Downtown Berkeley Association will be hosting the first annual Taste of Downtown Berkeley, celebrating the exciting culinary scene in Downtown Berkeley, on Sunday, June 11, and fundraising for important community needs; and

WHEREAS, proceeds from the event will support the Berkeley Rotary's community programs, including their RotaCare health clinic providing critical care to uninsured individuals, their scholarship program helping to support education of 15 low-income students, and their supportive housing services which provide hygiene kits and food to people in need in the Berkeley community; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such services would provide critical services for vulnerable populations and the event supports the City's and Downtown Berkeley's commitment to small businesses and restaurants, serving a municipal public purpose.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City of Berkeley hereby co-sponsors the first annual Taste of Downtown Berkeley event, and the event organizers have 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 Taste of Downtown Berkeley event; or (3) constitute regulatory approval of the event.

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

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF COUNCILMEMBER HARRISON AND OTHER OFFICES FOR A GRANT TO THE BERKELEY ROTARY ENDOWMENT TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SERVICES FOR A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC PURPOSE

WHEREAS, Councilmember Harrison has surplus funds in her office expenditure account; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Berkeley Rotary, and 501(c)(3) non-profit, is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders; and

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WHEREAS, the provision of such services would provide critical services for vulnerable populations and the event supports the City's and Downtown Berkeley's commitment to small businesses and restaurants, serving a municipal public purpose.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that funds relinquished by Councilmember Harrison from her Council Office Budget up to \$500 and Councilmembers from their office budgets of an amount to be determined by each Councilmember, shall be granted to the Berkeley Rotary Endowment towards first Annual Taste of Downtown Berkeley event and fundraiser with proceeds serving a municipal public purpose.

