



Office of the Mayor
Mayor Tom Bates

CONSENT CALENDAR
February 19, 2013

TO: Honorable Members of the City Council

FROM: Mayor Tom Bates

SUBJECT: Sunday Streets Berkeley: 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 \$5,000 per Councilmember including up to \$5,000 from the Mayor’s Office to sponsor the proposed “Sunday Streets Berkeley” to be held in October of 2013, with funds relinquished to the City’s general fund for this purpose from the discretionary office budget of Mayor Bates and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.

BACKGROUND:

Sunday Streets Berkeley is proposed to close streets to automobile traffic for a day so that people may use the space for just about any activity other than driving. The streets become parks as foot traffic replaces car traffic. Residents can bike, jog, dance, meet up with friends and play. This creates a place where residents get out and connect with their community in a transformative way. The ‘Sunday Streets’ concept is being implemented in cities seeking new and fun ways to achieve economic, environmental, social, and public health goals.

The Mayor’s office has actively participated in the conceptualization of the proposed ‘Sunday Streets Berkeley’. This item requests the City Council approve an expenditure, not to exceed \$5,000, of funds from the Mayor’s office discretionary account as well contributions from other Council Office budgets.

For more information, visit sundaystreetsberkeley.com.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

No general fund impact; money is available from them Mayor’s Office discretionary budget account not to exceed \$5000.

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Attachment:

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. –NS

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, Livable Berkeley will apply for permits for the proposed ‘Sunday Streets Berkeley’. This event is proposed to be held in the City of Berkeley in October of 2013 along Shattuck Avenue; and

WHEREAS, ‘Sunday Streets Berkeley’ aims to close streets to automobile traffic for a day so that residents may use the space for just about any activity other than driving. Residents can bike, jog, dance, play and it creates a space where people get out and connect with their community in a transformative way; and

WHEREAS, the ‘Sunday Streets’ concept is being implemented in cities seeking new and fun ways to achieve economic, environmental, social and public health goals; and

WHEREAS, the ‘Sunday Streets Berkeley’ Planning Committee consists of the Berkeley Mayor’s Office, Councilmember Jesse Arreguin, Livable Berkeley, the East Bay Bicycle Coalition, the Downtown Berkeley Association and the North Shattuck Association; and

WHEREAS, more information can be located at sundaystreetsberkeley.com.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Berkeley City Council that funds be relinquished by the Mayor and Councilmembers from their Council Office budgets up to \$5000 per office, including \$5,000 from Mayor Bates, shall be granted to Livable Berkeley as the sponsor of the proposed ‘Sunday Streets Berkeley’.