



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
January 21, 2014

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From:  Christine Daniel, City Manager
Submitted by: Kate O'Connor, Animal Shelter Manager
Subject: Donation to the Animal Shelter from the Ting Tsung and Wei Fong Chao Foundation at the Direction of Elizabeth Chao

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution accepting a donation from the Ting Tsung and Wei Fong Chao Foundation in the sum of \$5,000.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The donation of \$5,000 will be deposited in the Animal Shelter Donation Fund: 139-0704-368.20-99. The donation will be officially appropriated in the Second Amendment to the Appropriations Ordinance.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Elizabeth Chao wishes to donate \$5,000 to support the many programs run by Animal Care Services that help animals at the shelter and in our community.

The shelter treats sick and injured animals that have a good chance of recovery and adoption. This economic climate is causing many people to give up their animals if they need medical attention. This is very costly and donations are often used to cover these extraordinary veterinary bills. This year, \$10,000 of donation funds are also being used to cover the low-cost spay/neuter program for the residents of Berkeley. Donation money is also used to provide leashes, collars, treats, beds, toys and anything else needed for the flourishing volunteer program.

BACKGROUND

Ms. Chao, who adopted a puppy from the shelter in October 2007, has kindly and repeatedly donated funds to the Animal Shelter to support the programs run by Animal Care Services to help animals at the shelter and in our community.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The shelter already receives donations from the public and the funds are used for the programs outlined above. The cost of goods and services are increasing continually and any donations are greatly appreciated in order to ensure that the animals in our care

receive the best treatment possible and that the spay/neuter voucher program can be continued for our communities pets.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. -N.S.

DONATION TO THE ANIMAL SHELTER FROM THE TING TSUNG AND WEI FONG
CHAO FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Chao wishes to donate \$5,000 to support the many programs run by Animal Care Services that help animals at the shelter and in our community; and

WHEREAS, the shelter treats sick and injured animals that have a good chance of recovery and adoption and donations are often used to cover these extraordinary veterinary bills; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Shelter runs a low-cost spay/neuter program for the residents of Berkeley and this program is paid from the donation account; and

WHEREAS, the volunteer program is flourishing and with that comes the need to provide leashes, collars, treats, beds, and toys; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Chao, who adopted a puppy from the shelter in October 2007, has kindly and repeatedly donated funds to the Animal Shelter to support the programs run by Animal Care Services; and

WHEREAS, the animal shelter already collects donations from the public for various shelter programs that enhance the lives of animals and Ms. Chao's donation of \$5,000 will be deposited in the Animal Shelter Donation Fund: 139-0704-368.20-99.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that Council accepts the donation to the animal shelter in the sum of \$5,000 from the Ting Tsung and Wei Fong Foundation.

