



CONSENT CALENDAR

October 10, 2006

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Councilmember
District 1

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Councilmember Linda Maio

SUBJECT: Budget Allocation from Councilmember Maio's Office to the Ecology Center

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approve the expenditure of \$2,000 in FY 2006 carryover funds from Councilmember Maio's office budget to the Ecology Center for general operating expenses of Berkeley EcoHouse.

BACKGROUND:

Berkeley EcoHouse is managed by the Ecology Center. Founded in April 1999, Berkeley EcoHouse is a nonprofit, educational organization created by individuals with a common passion for restoring our ecological systems and building healthy, socially just and stable communities.

The mission of Berkeley EcoHouse is to contribute to heightening ecological and social awareness and the quality of life in its own neighborhood. Citywide, Berkeley EcoHouse aspires to overcome the barriers to healthy environmental choices, making ecological ways of living accessible and affordable to people of all ages, ethnic/racial backgrounds, and income levels.

The Berkeley EcoHouse outreach program includes a solar energy education program in local schools that offers hands-on classes about how to use the sun's energy to reduce pollution and depletion of our planet's resources. Berkeley EcoHouse also conducts Permaculture workshops, pilot demonstrations with sustainable building materials, and ecological building systems onsite at the EcoHouse. Berkeley EcoHouse is open by appointment to the public and has regular programs at the site in sustainable agriculture and workshops in related issues.

These funds will support these efforts by providing a small amount of funding for ongoing operational expenses of Berkeley EcoHouse.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

No impact on the General Fund; an expenditure of \$2,000 from Councilmember Maio's office budget.

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RESOLUTION --N.S

WHEREAS, Berkeley EcoHouse is a nonprofit, educational organization that contributes to heightening ecological and social awareness and the quality of life in its own neighborhood and to overcoming the barriers to healthy environmental choices citywide; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Maio's office has carryover funds from FY 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Berkeley that \$2,000 be allocated from Councilmember Maio's office budget to the Ecology Center for general operating expenses of Berkeley EcoHouse.