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CONSENT CALENDAR

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmembers Kriss Worthington and Max Anderson
Subject: Discretionary budget allocation to the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Berkeley City Council adopt a Resolution to approve the expenditure of \$1,000 to the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial capital campaign with funds from Councilmember Worthington's and Anderson's discretionary budgets (D-13).

BACKGROUND:

We are asking the City Council to approve a \$1,000 contribution toward efforts to build a Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial in Washington, D. C. Approved by the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts, the King National Memorial will occupy a four-acre site on the north east corner of the Tidal Basin within the precinct of the Jefferson Memorial and north of the Memorial to President Roosevelt.

The approved project creates a visual "line of leadership" from the Lincoln Memorial, where Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech, to the Jefferson Memorial. The memorial itself will combine natural elements – water, stone, trees – to underscore the themes of justice, democracy, and hope. These elements will combine in an overlapping fashion, adding layers of content that can be discovered by the visitor. The memorial will not only memorialize Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., but it will also recognize the many individuals and groups that helped make the Civil Rights Movement possible. In deference to the unfinished nature of the movement, the memorial will also leave a number of its niches open, allowing the addition of names and accomplishments as they become appropriate.

Taking into consideration the role that the Civil Rights Movement has played in the City of Berkeley's history and vice versa, it would be appropriate for the City of Berkeley to make a contribution toward this memorial. We invite anyone interested to join us in contributing through the MLK National Memorial Website at <http://www.mlkmemorial.org>.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

\$1,000 from Councilmember Worthington's and Anderson's discretionary budgets (D-13)

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RESOLUTION NO

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, Councilmembers Kriss Worthington and Max Anderson have surplus funds in their office expenditure account (budget codes 010-0272-410 and 010-0232-410, respectively); and

WHEREAS, a non-profit tax exempt corporation the MLK National Memorial Foundation seeks funds in the amount of \$1,000 to provide the following public services a) help establish the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial, located in Washington, D.C., b) provides a monument to commemorate the efforts of leaders to advance the Civil Rights Movement in the United States, and c) provides an educational and cultural resource for the historical significance of the accomplishments of Dr. King and other recognized leaders; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such services would fulfill the following municipal public purposes: a) taking into consideration the role that the Civil Rights Movement has played in the City of Berkeley's history and vice versa, it would be appropriate for the City of Berkeley to make a contribution toward this memorial, and b) the City would be recognized officially for its contribution to this historic monument.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute a contract with the MLK National Memorial Foundation in the not to exceed amount of \$1,000 to fund the establishment of the MLK National Memorial.