



Linda Maio
Councilmember District 1

CONSENT CALENDAR
December 11, 2007

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Linda Maio

Subject: Discretionary Budget Allocation: Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution approving the expenditure of \$250 to Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS) with funds from Councilmember Maio's discretionary budget (D-13) to support their 35th Anniversary Celebration on May 8, 2008, which is a fundraiser to support their ongoing program.

BACKGROUND

BOSS is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping poor, disabled, and homeless people achieve health and self-sufficiency, and to fighting the root causes of poverty and homelessness. Founded in 1971, BOSS serves over 4,000 families and individuals each year at 27 sites in Alameda County, several of which are in Berkeley. These sites address four strategic areas: Economic Development, Housing, Health, and Social Justice. BOSS provides emergency shelter (in Berkeley, Oakland, and Hayward), transitional housing (for families, singles, youth, and people with AIDS, disabilities, and drug/alcohol issues), permanent housing placements (include. temporary rental subsidies), and retention services (services on-site in low-income hotels, long-term case management).

These funds will help support BOSS's 35th Anniversary Celebration on May 8, 2008 at Hs. Lordships at the Berkeley Marina, where 500 people are expected to attend. The celebration will include music, art, food, special guests, and most importantly, inspiration from BOSS graduates, and will help raise funds for the agency's mission.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

\$250 from Councilmember Maio's discretionary budget (D-13).

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. -N.S.

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM
COUNCILMEMBER MAIO'S DISCRETIONARY BUDGET ACCOUNT TO SUPPORT
THE 35th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF BOSS

WHEREAS, Councilmember Maio has surplus funds in her office discretionary budget account (Budget Code 010-0211-410); and

WHEREAS, as a California 501(3)c, non-profit, tax exempt corporation, Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS) is dependent upon community support to honor the success of BOSS, its programs, and its many graduates; and

WHEREAS, this monetary support would help BOSS to continue to help poor, homeless, and disabled people achieve health and self-sufficiency, and to fighting against the root causes of poverty and homelessness; and

WHEREAS, BOSS will be celebrating the launching of collaborative *Multi-Service Centers*, connecting chronically homeless people to services, and the creation of the Clean City Program, a partnership program with the City of Berkeley to provide new jobs to homeless workers;

WHEREAS, BOSS's programs fulfill the municipal public purpose, by working with the City of Berkeley and the community, to provide services and job training to its homeless population.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute a contract with BOSS, not to exceed the amount of \$250.