



Jesse Arreguín
Councilmember, District 4

CONSENT CALENDAR
September 27, 2011

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Jesse Arreguín
Subject: Options Recovery Services: 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 \$324 per Councilmember, including \$324 from Councilmember Arreguín, to Options Recovery Services' for its Ride for Recovery fundraiser with funds relinquished to the City's General Fund for this purpose from the discretionary Council Office Budgets of Councilmember Jesse Arreguín and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION:

No General Fund impact; \$324 is available from Councilmember Arreguín's Council Office Budget discretionary account.

BACKGROUND:

Options Recovery Services is a non-profit organization providing out-patient drug and alcohol treatment services in downtown Berkeley. Its mission is to the "Break the cycle of addiction that causes violence, crime, homelessness, and broken families."

Executive Director, Bobby Miller –a retired Berkeley Police Captain- has dedicated his life to providing drug, alcohol, tobacco and mental health recovery support services. In an inspiring effort to raise much needed money for Options, Bobby Miller will ride his bicycle on a 2 day, 216 mile journey from Berkeley to Napa, to Lake Berryessa, to Davis and back to Berkeley through Vallejo and across the Carquinez Bridge beginning on September 17. Pledges are per mile:

10 cents per mile	=	\$21.60
15 cents per mile	=	\$32.40
20 cents per mile	=	\$43.20
25 cents per mile	=	\$54.00
50 cents per mile	=	\$108.00
\$1.00 per mile	=	\$216.00
\$1.00 per mile	=	\$324.00

As it states on Options' flyer, "a small donation from you –a huge impact for us." The funds raised from this ride will not only help provide vital services to our community but it will also recognize the amazing work and selfless dedication of Bobby Miller, for which he should be commended.

CONTACT PERSON:

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Attachment:

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. XXXXX

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS TO OPTIONS RECOVERY SERVICES

WHEREAS, Councilmember Jesse Arreguín has surplus funds in his office expenditure account 010-0242-410-55-11; and

WHEREAS, Options Recovery Services provides vital out-patient drug and alcohol treatment services in downtown Berkeley in order to “break the cycle of addiction that causes violence, crime, homelessness, and broken families”; and

WHEREAS, Executive Director Bobby Miller –a retired Berkeley Police Captain- will ride 216 miles on his bicycle from Berkeley to Napa, to Lake Berryessa, to Davis and back to Berkeley through Vallejo and the Carquinez Bridge in an effort to raise money for Options Recovery Services; and

WHEREAS, a California non-profit tax exempt corporation Options Recovery Services seeks funds to provide much needed social services in downtown Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such funds would fulfill the following municipal public purpose: serving the counseling, mental health, treatment, shelter and job placement needs of Berkeley and surrounding area residents dealing with drugs, alcohol and/or homelessness.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that funds relinquished by the Mayor and Councilmembers from their Council Office Budget up to \$324 per office shall be granted to Options Recovery Services for its Ride for Recovery fundraiser.

