



CONSENT CALENDAR

April 12, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Terry Taplin

Subject: Budget Referral: West Berkeley Park Ambassadors

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council refer to the FY2023-24 budget process the funding for Park Ambassadors at San Pablo Park, Strawberry Creek Park, and Aquatic Park.

FISCAL IMPACTS

An estimated \$300,000 for 2-3 part time positions for one year at each park, seven days a week, 12 hours a day, with pricing for park ambassadors estimated at \$22/hour.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

West Berkeley is home to some of the finest public parks in Berkeley and all of the East Bay. San Pablo Park, Strawberry Creek Park, and Aquatic Park attract a wide array of local residents as well as residents of nearby cities coming to Berkeley to enjoy the wonderful facilities and atmospheres that each of these parks have to offer.

Unfortunately, recent years have brought an increase in shootings, vehicle break-ins, the harassment of park visitors, and the release of uncontrolled, sometimes violent dogs in on-leash park areas. The funding of Park Ambassadors at each of these parks will support the enforcement of park rules and enhance the safety of all visitors.

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