



CITY COUNCILMEMBER
RIGEL ROBINSON
DISTRICT 7

CONSENT CALENDAR

January 17, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Rigel Robinson (Author)
Subject: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to the General Fund and Grant of Such Funds for Pacific Center for Human Growth

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$1,000 per Councilmember, including \$1,000 from Councilmember Robinson, to Pacific Center for Human Growth to assist with urgent lease signing and renovation costs.

BACKGROUND

Founded in 1973, Pacific Center for Human Growth is the oldest LGBTQIA+ center in the Bay Area, the third oldest in the nation, and operates the only sliding scale mental health clinic for LGBTQIA+ and QTBIPOC people and their families in Alameda County.

Utilizing nearly 200 volunteers and 11 staff members, Pacific Center provides culturally-responsive therapy, peer-to-peer support groups, community outreach services, and facilitated workshops for Alameda County and the greater Bay Area LGBTQIA+ communities. They currently serve over 3,000 people a year through their programs.

Pacific Center is relocating from their Berkeley location on Telegraph Avenue due to the property being sold to a new owner. After months of searching and negotiating, they have successfully secured a space that fits their needs and are signing the new lease on February 1, 2023. They need to raise funds for signing costs, as well as additional funds for the installation of a wheelchair lift to make the space fully accessible.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No General Fund impact; \$1,000 is available from Councilmember Robinson’s discretionary account.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

None.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

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, Councilmember Rigel Robinson has surplus funds in his office expenditure account; and

WHEREAS, a California non-profit tax exempt corporation, Pacific Center for Human Growth, seeks funds in the amount of \$1,000 to assist with urgent needs, including lease signing costs and the installation of a wheelchair lift for ADA accessibility; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such services would fulfill the municipal public purpose of supporting the Bay Area's oldest LGBTQIA+ center and enabling them to continue serving the Berkeley community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the \$1,000 relinquished by Councilmember Robinson from his Council Office Budget and any other Councilmember who wishes to contribute shall be granted to Pacific Center for Human Growth for lease signing and renovation costs.