



Office of the Mayor

CONSENT CALENDAR

July 11, 2023

To: Members of the City Council

From: Mayor Jesse Arreguín and Councilmember Sophie Hahn

Subject: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds for Chavez/Huerta Tribute Site

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of up to \$5,000 from Mayor Arreguín, and any other Councilmembers, to the Kala Art Institute, the fiscal sponsor for the Chavez/Huerta Tribute Site, with funds relinquished from the City's General Fund for the purpose of hiring of grounds keepers and providing the resources needed for the maintenance of the Chavez/Huerta Tribute Site, from the discretionary Council Office Budgets of Mayor Arreguín and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.

BACKGROUND

The Chavez/Huerta Tribute Site<sup>1</sup>, located at Cesar Chavez Park along Spinnaker Way, is centered around a lush green space overlooking the Bay Area. Instead of a single statue or monument for the farmworker and labor organizer by which the park is named after, the site has intentionally developed a comprehensive urban solar/lunar calendar, along with a quartet of stones engraved with four virtues of the Farmworkers Movement: Determination, Courage, Hope, and Tolerance. The site draws from design concepts in art, astronomy, and architecture found at ancient and indigenous sky observatory sites from around the world. The site seeks to promote an understanding of the Rhythm of the Seasons, the work, life, and values of Cesar E. Chavez and Dolores Huerta, provide an outdoor classroom to study science, math, and culture, and create a space for reflection and peace along the Berkeley shoreline. The site also contains a virtual tour, which can be activated using your mobile device, and a physical, self-explanatory sign to assist visitors with utilizing the solar calendar and position of stones to understand its relationship to solstice and equinox.

A sum of \$5,000 is being sought by the caretakers of the Chavez/Huerta Tribute Site to go towards fees associated with employing gardeners, hauling soil, conducting stone replacement, composting goods, grounds maintenance, upgrading signage, and paying the Kala Art Institute a fiscal agent fee.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://chavezpark.org/cesar-chavez-memorial-solar-calendar/>

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We are proposing that City Councilmembers make individual grants of up to \$1,000 to the Kala Art Institute to help with the upkeep of the Chavez Huerta Tribute site, with work in the next fiscal year to begin in October 2023.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No General Fund impact; up to \$5,000 available from Mayor Arreguín's Office Budget discretionary accounts.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no environmental impacts associated with the recommendations in this report.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution for Council Expenditures

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

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS FOR FUNDING TOWARDS THE MAINTENANCE OF THE CHAVEZ/HUERTA TRIBUTE SITE, A PUBLIC SERVICE FOR A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC PURPOSE

WHEREAS, Mayor Arreguín has surplus funds in his office expenditure account; and

WHEREAS, a California non-profit tax-exempt corporation, the Kala Art Institute, seeks funds in the amount of \$5,000 to provide maintenance and upkeep for the Chavez/Huerta Tribute Site located at the Cesar Chavez Park along Spinnaker Way; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such services would fulfill the following municipal public purpose of bringing communities across the City, including but not limited to Latine, immigrant, astronomy lovers, historians, youth, and civic communities, together to honor the virtues and contribution of Cesar Chavez, Dolores Huerta, and others involved in the Farmworkers Movement.

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 of up to \$5,000 per office shall be granted to the Kala Art Institute to fund the following services bringing communities across the City, including, but not limited to, Latine, immigrant, astronomy lovers, historians, youth, and civic communities, together to honor the virtues and contribution of Cesar Chavez, Dolores Huerta, and others involved in the Farmworkers Movement.

