URGENT ITEM
AGENDA MATERIAL

Government Code Section 54954.2(b)
Rules of Procedure Chapter III.C.5

THIS ITEM IS NOT YET AGENDIZED AND MAY OR MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR THE AGENDA AS A LATE ITEM, SUBJECT TO THE CITY COUNCIL'S DISCRETION ACCORDING TO BROWN ACT RULES

Meeting Date: March 26, 2024

Item Description: Berkeley City College's 50th Anniversary Gala

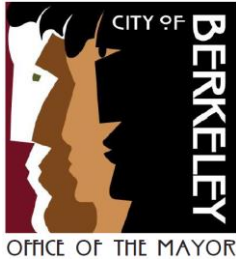This item is submitted pursuant to the provision checked below:

☐ Emergency Situation (54954.2(b)(1) - majority vote required)
Determination by a majority vote of the legislative body that an emergency situation exists, as defined in Section 54956.5.

☒ Immediate Action Required (54954.2(b)(2) - two-thirds vote required)
There is a need to take immediate action and the need for action came to the attention of the local agency subsequent to the agenda for this meeting being posted.

Once the item is added to the agenda (Consent or Action) it must be passed by the standard required vote threshold (majority, two-thirds, or 7/9).

Facts supporting the addition of the item to the agenda under Section 54954.2(b) and Chapter III.C.5 of the Rules of Procedure:

This event will be taking place on May 2, before the next Council meeting. Therefore, this item needs to be taken up at the March 26 meeting in order to meet the timeline of the event.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

TO: Honorable Members of the City Council

FROM: Mayor Jesse Arreguín

SUBJECT: Berkeley City College's 50th Anniversary Gala:
             Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Fund to General Fund and Grant
             of Such Funds

RECOMMENDATION
Adopt a resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed $500.00 per council member, including $500.00 from Mayor Arreguín, to Berkeley City College with funds relinquished to the City's general fund for this purpose from the discretionary council office budget of Mayor Arreguín and any other council members who would like to contribute.

BACKGROUND
Berkeley City College, formerly Vista Community College , was founded in April 1974 as the fourth of the Peralta Community College District's community colleges, replacing the existing North Peralta Community College.

Its original name, the Berkeley Learning Pavilion, was changed in October 1974 to the Peralta College for NonTraditional Study (PCNS) and its mission expanded to that of, "...a public community college offering alternative post-secondary educational programs and services for students of the [Peralta Community College District]. The college [was] expected to assess unmet learning needs, to devise flexible and diverse ways of responding to those needs, and thereby to increase access to educational opportunities."

In 1978, the district voted to change the college's name to Vista College. Candidacy was renewed in 1979, and the college was granted full accreditation in June 1981. In June 2006, Vista Community College's name was changed to Berkeley City College and classes and programs moved into their new home at 2050 Center St. in fall 2006. More information is available at https://www.berkeleycitycollege.edu/bccpub/about-bcc/

The Mayor's Office is thrilled to join Berkeley City College ("BCC") in celebrating 50 years in the City of Berkeley.

On Tuesday, April 23 – 11:00am – 3:00pm - BCC's official Block Party which will feature BCC promotional tables, food, festive events, a DJ, and other activities on the Center Street block

between Milvia & Shattuck. The event will take place from 11:00am to 4:00pm. The Block Party will conclude at BCC's new site at 2118 Milvia at 2:00pm with a groundbreaking ceremony, with a host of speeches, and congratulatory remarks.

Thursday, May 2 - 5:00pm – 7:00pm – BCC's 50th Anniversary Gala Reception. Location within Downtown Berkeley still to be determined. The event will be a night to celebrate BCC's rich history and an opportunity to network with City and Community members.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
$500.00 from Mayor Arreguín's discretionary council office budget.

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

AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR A GRANT TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SERVICES FOR A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC PURPOSE

WHEREAS, Berkeley City College, formerly Vista Community College , was founded in April 1974 as the fourth of the Peralta Community College District's community colleges, replacing the existing North Peralta Community College; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, the district voted to change the college's name to Vista College, the college was granted full accreditation in June 1981, and in June 2006, Vista Community College's name was changed to Berkeley City College and classes and programs moved into their new home at 2050 Center St. in fall 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Office is thrilled to join Berkeley City College ("BCC") in celebrating 50 years in the City of Berkeley; and

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

WHEREAS, a California non-profit tax-exempt corporation – the Peralta Foundation – will receive funds in the amount of $500.00; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such services would fulfill the following municipal public purpose: Berkeley City College serves students who seek general education, transfer to four-year universities, degrees and certificates in liberal arts and occupational areas, career preparation or pre-collegiate skills, and the student body represents a diverse mix of ethnic, cultural and economic backgrounds – high school students enrolled in advanced courses, full time workers, people who wish to transfer to a four-year university and individuals who are the first in their families to attend college; and

WHEREAS, the college is an active partner in local economic development and employment training endeavors; and

WHEREAS, this grant will go toward Berkeley City College's 50th Anniversary Gala on May 2; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that funds relinquished by the Mayor and council members from their council office budget of up to $500.00 per office shall be granted to the Peralta Foundation.