



Office of the Mayor
Mayor Tom Bates

CONSENT CALENDAR
October 27, 2015

To: Honorable Members of the City Council

From: Mayor Tom Bates

Subject: Funding a Joint Berkeley-Ireland Recognition Ceremony and Memorial

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$1,000 per Councilmember including \$1,000 from Mayor Bates, to the Joint Recognition Ceremony and Memorial, with funds relinquished to the City's general fund for this purpose from the discretionary Council Office Budgets of Mayor Bates and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

No General Fund impact; \$1000 is available from Mayor Bates' Budget discretionary account.

BACKGROUND

The entire community of Berkeley joins our Irish brothers and sisters in offering condolences to the families of those lost and those injured in the Library Gardens balcony collapse of June 16, 2015. The first responders of the police and fire departments were the first to offer urgent care and concern for the victims. In the ensuing weeks, the Berkeley community, both citizens and businesses, rallied together to help the victims and their families.

Irish President Michael Higgins will visit the Western United States in late October 2015, with a day of events planned in Berkeley on October 28, 2015. During his visit, Mayor Bates and the Irish Consulate of San Francisco will hold a ceremony honoring Berkeley's first responders, who helped coordinate logistics for the affected families in the weeks after. In addition, the Mayor, President, and Consul General Grant will hold a tree-planting ceremony to establish a living memorial dedicated to the Berkeley-Ireland relationship.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The planting of two trees will reduce GHGs in the atmosphere.

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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 (MEMORIALIZE THOSE LOST IN THE BALCONY COLLAPSE AND RECOGNIZE FIRST RESPONDERS)

WHEREAS, the entire community of Berkeley joins our Irish brothers and sisters in offering condolences for those lost and injured on June 16, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the first responders of the police and fire departments were the first to offer urgent care and concern for the victims; and

WHEREAS, in the ensuing weeks, the Berkeley community, both citizens and businesses, rallied together to help the victims and their families; and

WHEREAS, Irish President Michael Higgins will visit the western United States in late October with a day of events planned in Berkeley on October 28, 2015.

WHEREAS, during President Higgins' visit, Mayor Bates and the Irish Consulate of San Francisco will hold a ceremony honoring Berkeley's first responders to the Library Gardens balcony collapse and those who helped coordinate logistics for the affected families in the weeks after; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the Mayor, President, and Consul General Grant will hold a tree-planting ceremony to establish a living memorial dedicated to the Berkeley-Ireland relationship.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that funds relinquished by the Mayor from his Council Office Budget up to \$1000 per office shall be granted to a Berkeley-Ireland Recognition Ceremony and Memorial attended by the President of Ireland Michael Higgins.