



Office of the City Manager

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CONSENT CALENDAR
October 28, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager
Submitted by: Scott Ferris, Director, Parks Recreation & Waterfront
Subject: Donation: Memorial Bench at Berkeley Rose in memory of Lee and Dorothy Marsh

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution accepting a cash donation in the amount of \$3,400 for a memorial bench to be placed at Berkeley Rose Garden in memory of Lee and Dorothy Marsh.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The value of a single bench and memorial plaque is \$3,400, which covers the purchasing and installation costs performed by the City. The cash donation will be deposited into Parks Tax donation revenue budget code 138-52-542-568-0000-000-000-481110 and will be appropriated in FY 2026.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The family of Lee and Dorothy Marsh wishes to donate a memorial bench in their memory to be placed at Berkeley Rose Garden with a cash donation of \$3,400. Per the City's Park Bench Donation Policy, individuals may donate memorial benches to the City's parks in selected locations, subject to the approval of the Director of the Parks Recreation & Waterfront Department, and pay for all associated costs, subject to Council disclosure and approval of the gift donation. The Director has determined that the proposed donation complies with the City's Bench Donation Policy as described in Resolution No. 64,148-N.S. and has approved the donation, subject to Council approval.

BACKGROUND

Benches are placed throughout the City in accordance with the City's Park Bench Donation Policy approved by Council on July 22, 2008 (Resolution No. 64,148-N.S.). The City's Open Governance Ordinance (OGO) requires City Council disclosure and approval of any gift to the City in excess of \$1,000 (BMC Section 2.06.150, Ord. 7,166-N.S.)

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ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACT

The City's vendor for benches, Dumor, Inc., makes its priority to purchase only sustainably-harvested wood derived from stringently-regulated timber source locations, including California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. This policy reduces solid waste volumes in landfills, helps conserve natural resources and limits the environmental effects resulting from the extraction of virgin materials. The benches therefore comply with the City's environmentally preferable purchasing policy, specifically section 3.7 Forest Conservation.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The City's Parks Donation Policy provides a mechanism whereby families can donate a memorial bench that both honors a family member and provides the public with a needed amenity.

CONTACT PERSON

Bruce Pratt, Parks Superintendent, 510-981-6700

Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____ -N.S.

DONATION: MEMORIAL BENCH AT BERKELEY ROSE GARDEN IN MEMORY OF
LEE AND DORTHY MARSH

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2008, Council adopted the Park Bench Donation Policy (Resolution No. 64,148-N.S.); and

WHEREAS, the City's Open Governance Ordinance (OGO) requires City Council disclosure and approval of any gift to the City in excess of \$1,000 (BMC Section 2.06.150, Ord. 7,166-N.S.); and

WHEREAS, the family of Lee and Dorothy Marsh wishes to donate a memorial bench in their memory to be placed at Berkeley Rose Garden with a cash donation of \$3,400; and

WHEREAS, per the City's Park Bench Donation Policy, individuals may donate memorial benches to the City's parks in selected locations, subject to the approval of the Director of the Parks Recreation & Waterfront Department, and pay for all associated costs, subject to Council disclosure and approval of the gift donation; and

WHEREAS, the Director has determined that the proposed donation complies with City's Bench Donation Policy as described in Resolution No. 64,148-N.S. and has approved the proposed donation; and

WHEREAS, the cash donation will be deposited into Parks Tax donation revenue budget code 138-52-542-568-0000-000-000-481110- and will be appropriated in FY 2026.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that a cash donation in the amount of \$3,400 for a memorial bench to be placed at Berkeley Rose Garden in memory of Lee and Dorothy Marsh is hereby accepted.

