Black Surfers Collective High Tide Gala

The Black Surfers Collective (BSC) is an organization committed to increasing equitable access to the ocean by connecting community members to surfing and environmental stewardship. Through free surf lessons, environmental education, and community beach days, BSC provides a safe and inclusive space for youth and families to experience the ocean, build water confidence, and foster connections with coastal ecosystems.

On Saturday, October 18, 2025, BSC hosted its inaugural High Tide Gala at the Dockweiler Youth Center in Playa del Rey. This event marked a crucial step toward securing sustainable funding for their free surf programs, Pan African Beach Days, Nick Gabaldón Day, and ongoing community outreach efforts. The gala brought together community leaders, supporters, and ocean advocates to celebrate BSC's impact and raise the necessary funds to expand programming, purchase equipment, and provide transportation assistance to families who may otherwise lack access to the beach. Support for this event helps BSC continue its vital work in breaking barriers to ocean recreation, promoting representation in surfing, and empowering the next generation of environmental stewards. This investment also creates a lasting impact, ensuring that more youth and families in Los Angeles County can experience the healing power of the ocean.

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I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Instruct the Director of the Department of Beaches and Harbors to retroactively waive: (a) the facilities fee of \$455, (b) parking fee for 90 vehicles in the amount of \$720, and (c) gross receipts in the amount of \$3,825, excluding the cost of liability insurance, for the Black Surfers Collective's High Tide Gala held on Saturday, October 18, 2025, at Dockweiler Youth Center in Playa del Rey.

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