



Councilmember Sophie Hahn
City of Berkeley, District 5

CONSENT CALENDAR

April 12, 2022

To: Honorable Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Sophie Hahn (Author), Mayor Arreguín and Councilmembers Wengraf and Taplin (Co-Sponsors)
Subject: Berkeley Public Library Foundation's 19th Annual Authors Dinner Event: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Funds

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$600 per Councilmember, including \$500 from Councilmember Wengraf, \$200 from Mayor Arreguín, and \$200 from Councilmember Hahn, to the Berkeley Public Library Foundation's 19th Annual Authors Dinner event with funds relinquished to the City's general fund for this purpose from the discretionary Council office budget of Councilmember Hahn, and additional funds from Councilmembers who would like to contribute. The Berkeley Public Library Foundation raises funds to support and enhance facilities, programs, and services of the Berkeley Public Library. Recent gifts to the Foundation helped the library redesign its services during the pandemic, outfit a culinary tool lending library, and complete needed capital improvements to the downtown Central Library.

BACKGROUND

Two and a half decades ago, the Berkeley Public Library Foundation incorporated as a nonprofit dedicated to raising private funds necessary to turn the Berkeley Public Library into the library our community envisioned. In 2003, The Library Foundation hosted its first Authors Dinner, created in part to showcase completion of the expansion and renovation of the Central Library. Since that time, the Authors Dinner has been one of Berkeley's marquee annual fundraising events, featuring up to 30 prominent and diverse local authors.

On Saturday, May 21, 2022, the Berkeley Public Library Foundation will host its first in-person Authors Dinner since the start of the pandemic. The Authors Dinner is part of the Foundation's yearlong 25th Anniversary Campaign which was launched earlier this year with the video Library Love Letters 25th Anniversary Edition, featuring BPL librarian Michael Kwende, authors Robert B. Reich, R.C. Barnes, Annie Barrows, and Berkeley High School alumnus musicians Owen Storey & Max Nierlich. Additional information can be found at: <https://bplf.org> and <https://app.mobilecause.com/e/l3ffqQ?vid=qgkby>.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

A total of up to \$5,400 from the Mayor and Councilmembers' discretionary budgets.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

This item is consistent with the City's vision on sustainability. The Berkeley Public Library is the locus of the original "share economy," lending books, media, computers, and tools that might otherwise be purchased for one-time or occasional private use. BPL also provides green, energy efficient, modern neighborhood spaces for the Berkeley community to gather and find education, resources, and enjoyment.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION #####-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 MUNICIPAL PUBLIC PURPOSE

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Public Library Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to amplifying public investment in the Berkeley Public Library to make a great public library extraordinary, through its 2022 Authors Dinner event, seeks funds to subsidize library services for the City of Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such services would fulfill the following municipal public purpose: The Berkeley Public Library Foundation raises funds to ensure the excellence of the buildings, services, collections, and programs at all five locations of Berkeley Public Library;

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 up to \$600 per office shall be granted to the Berkeley Public Library Foundation, through its 2022 Authors Dinner Event, to support the Berkeley Public Library and its programs.

