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Councilmember District 6

CONSENT CALENDAR
January 21, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmembers Wengraf, Hahn, Bartlett and Mayor Arreguin
Subject: Holocaust Remembrance Day Event: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds from General Funds and Grant of Such Funds

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember, including \$500 each from Councilmembers Wengraf, Hahn and Bartlett and Mayor Arreguin, to support the City's Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program with funds relinquished to the City's general fund. The relinquishment of funds from Councilmember Wengraf, Hahn, Bartlett and Mayor Arreguin's discretionary Council Office Budgets, and all other Councilmembers who would like to contribute, allows the City of Berkeley to hold the City's 18th Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program. All are invited to attend on Sunday, April 19th, 11:30 AM at the Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No General Fund impact: up to \$500 is available from contributing Councilmember's and the Mayor's Office Budget discretionary accounts.

BACKGROUND

The City of Berkeley's 18th Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program includes a candle lighting ceremony, a Holocaust Survivor's story, an artist presentation, a grandchild's story, live cultural music, and refreshments afterwards. The community event invites attendees to enjoy Jewish history, honor those who survived and perished in the Holocaust and strengthen convictions to never let the Holocaust happen again.

Expenses for this event, including rental rates and auxiliary costs, have increased dramatically over the last few years. We are asking for Councilmember's generous support.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

No impact

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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

WHEREAS, Councilmembers Susan Wengraf, Sophie Hahn, Ben Bartlett and Mayor Arreguin have surplus funds in their office expenditure account and will contribute \$500 each, and invite other Councilmembers to join them in contributing; and

WHEREAS, a California non-profit tax exempt corporation, The Jewish Community Center, serves as the fiscal sponsor of the Holocaust Remembrance day and will receive funds in an amount up to \$500 per contributing Councilmember's discretionary account; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such services would fulfill the municipal public purpose of providing a community program supporting Holocaust survivors, community recognition and education about the Holocaust, and unity among Berkeley residents. The grants provide a spacious venue, video documentation, and light refreshments.

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 \$500 per office, shall be granted to the Jewish Community Center to fund the City of Berkeley's 18th Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program on April 19th, 2020.