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CONSENT CALENDAR
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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Wengraf (author) Mayor Arreguín (co-sponsor)
Councilmember Hahn (co-sponsor)

Subject: Budget Referral: City of Berkeley Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day

RECOMMENDATION

Refer to the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 budget process a request for \$6,000 annually to fund the City of Berkeley's Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day Program.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A total of \$12,000 over two years.

BACKGROUND

For the past 19 years, The City of Berkeley has sponsored a Holocaust Remembrance Day Program. Participation in this important annual program has exceeded expectation, with attendance at in-person events in excess of 200 people (room capacity) for the past several years. The event has historically been funded through private donations, volunteer labor and the generosity of council members who have given from their discretionary accounts, creating an unstable and unpredictable future for the program. This past year, the program was viewed virtually because the pandemic prevented in person assembly. The popularity of the program was clearly demonstrated by 750 viewers.

This budget recommendation is for continuing annual support of the City of Berkeley's Holocaust Remembrance Day Program in the modest amount of six thousand dollars each year for the next two years. Those funds will be leveraged by volunteer labor and donations, guaranteeing the continuance of the City's program through 2024. It is critical that this program continue, as the memory of the systematic genocide of Jews, political prisoners, homosexuals, and the disabled fades from our collective memory. The history of the Holocaust needs to be remembered in order to safeguard the future.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

In compliance with City's environmental sustainability goals

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