



Lori Droste  
District 8

Consent Calendar  
December 19, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Lori Droste, Councilmember Kate Harrison, and Councilmember Sophie Hahn

Subject: Alta Bates Forum Facility Rental: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds

Recommendation

Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$250 per Councilmember for the Alta Bates Forum facility rental with funds relinquished from the discretionary Council Office Budget of Councilmembers Droste and Harrison, and any other councilmembers who would like to contribute. The total rental cost for the Ed Roberts facility is \$1250.

BACKGROUND

The Mayor and Council have been working to develop solutions to prevent the closure of Alta Bates Medical Center as a full-service hospital with emergency care. Alta Bates Medical Center has cited a need to close emergency services by 2030 because of state seismic laws. The closure of Alta Bates would leave Berkeley residents dependent on Oakland hospitals for emergency care, which would result in longer travel times to get patients to the emergency room. This poses increased risk of delay and death for patients in serious conditions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No General Fund impact. Funds are available from the Councilmembers' office budget discretionary accounts.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

No adverse effects to the environment.

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Attachments:  
1: Resolution

ALTA BATES FORUM FACILITY RENTAL

WHEREAS, Alta Bates Medical Center intends to close by 2030 due to state seismic laws; and

WHEREAS, the closure of Alta Bates would leave Berkeley residents without sufficient emergency care; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley residents would become reliant on Oakland hospitals, creating the risk that ambulances may be delayed as they transport Berkeley residents; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are working to prevent the closure of Alta Bates as a full-service hospital; and

WHEREAS, the Save Alta Bates Taskforce wishes to hold a forum for all residents in the region who would be impacted by a hospital closure, including all Berkeley residents; and

WHEREAS, Councilmembers Droste and Harrison have surplus funds in their office expenditure accounts; and

WHEREAS, facility rental for the Alta Bates Forum requires a total of \$1250 in rental fees.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that funds relinquished by the Councilmembers from their Council Office Budget up to \$250 per office shall be granted to the Alta Bates Forum facility rental.