To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmembers Susan Wengraf, Sophie Hahn, and Lori Droste

Subject: The Berkeley Public Library Foundation 17th Annual Authors Dinner: 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 from Councilmembers Wengraf and Droste to the Berkeley Public Library Foundation’s 17th Annual Authors Dinner with funds relinquished to the City’s General Fund for this purpose from the discretionary Council Office Budgets of Councilmembers Wengraf, Droste, and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute. The Berkeley Public Library Foundation raises funds to support and enhance the facilities, programs and services of the Berkeley Public Library. The proceeds from this event will subsidize library programs and would fulfill the municipal public purpose.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
No General Fund impact

BACKGROUND
The Foundation’s Annual Authors Dinner is a unique cultural event that spotlights the Bay Area’s literary tradition. On Saturday, February 9, 2019, the historic downtown Central Library transforms into a beautiful literary salon featuring a lively meet-the-authors reception, an epicurean meal seated with one of our honored authors, and a festive program introducing all 29 authors. For more information, visit https://bplf.org/events/authors-dinner-2019/

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
No known environmental impacts.

CONTACT PERSON
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Attachment:
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 MUNICIPAL PUBLIC PURPOSE

WHEREAS, Councilmembers Susan Wengraf and Lori Droste have surplus funds in their office expenditure accounts (budget code 010-0262-410); and

WHEREAS, a California non-profit tax exempt corporation, The Berkeley Public Library Foundation, through their 17th Annual Authors Dinner, seeks funds in the amount of $500 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 support and enhance the facilities, programs and services of the Berkeley Public Library. The proceeds from this event will subsidize community literacy programs.

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 Berkeley Public Library Foundation, through its 17th Annual Authors Dinner to support the Berkeley Public Libraries and their programs.