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CONSENT CALENDAR
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To: Honorable Members of the City Council
From: Councilmembers Sophie Hahn, Susan Wengraf, Cheryl Davila, and Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Subject: Berkeley Public Library Foundation 18th Annual Authors Dinner: 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 \$100 from Councilmember Hahn, to the Berkeley Public Library Foundation's 18th Annual Authors Dinner with funds relinquished to the City's general fund for this purpose from the discretionary Council office budget of Councilmember Hahn, and any other 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. Proceeds from this event will subsidize library programs and fulfill the municipal public purpose of the library.

BACKGROUND

Two 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 the first Authors Dinner, created in part to showcase completion of the expansion and renovation of the Central Library.

The Authors Dinner is one of Berkeley's marquee annual fundraising events. The evening features up to 30 prominent and diverse local authors.

On Saturday, February 8, 2020, the Berkeley Public Library Foundation will host the 18th Annual Authors Dinner, with Honorary Chair Michael Lewis, at the Historic Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Avenue, Berkeley. Additional information can be found at: <https://bplf.org/events/authors-dinner-2020/>.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No General Fund impact; a total of up to \$5,400 is available from Councilmembers' discretionary budgets.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

This item is consistent with the City's vision on sustainability. The Berkeley Public Library provides green, energy efficient, modern neighborhood spaces for the Berkeley community.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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 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 18th Annual Authors Dinner, 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; and

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 18th Annual Authors Dinner to support the Berkeley Public Libraries and their programs.

