RESOLUTION NO. 68,915-N.S.

ALLOCATION: $4.75 MILLION TOTAL FOR REDUCTION OF SUGAR-SWEETENED BEVERAGE CONSUMPTION GRANT PROGRAM IN FY 2020 AND FY 2021

WHEREAS, the consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages ("SSB") in Berkeley is impacting the health of the people in Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, in FY 2018 and FY 2019, the City Council awarded a total of $3 million upon the recommendation of the SSBPPE Commission to demonstrate the City's long-term commitment to decreasing the consumption of SSB and mitigate the harmful impacts of SSB on the population of Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2019, the Berkeley City Council unanimously approved Action Items 27A and 27B (Resolution No. 68,746-N.S.), wherein Action Item 27A recommended an allocation of $4.75 million over two years, FY 2020 and FY 2021, to fund the Healthy Berkeley Program; and

WHEREAS, Action Item 27B was a companion report which accepted the SSBPPE Commission's report in Action Item 27A and offered no other fiscal recommendation and clarified that Measure D revenues cannot be aligned dollar-for-dollar with the Healthy Berkeley Program; and

WHEREAS, many studies demonstrate that high intake of SSB is associated with risk of Type 2 Diabetes, obesity, tooth decay, and coronary heart disease; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of millions of dollars have been spent in an ongoing massive marketing campaign, which particularly targets children and people of color; and

WHEREAS, an African American resident of Berkeley is 14 times more likely than a White resident to be hospitalized for diabetes; and

WHEREAS, 40% of 9th graders in Berkeley High School are either overweight or obese; and

WHEREAS, tooth decay is the most common childhood disease, experienced by over 70% of California's 3rd graders; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, a U.S. national research team estimated levying a penny-per-ounce tax on sweetened beverages would prevent nearly 100,000 cases of heart disease, 8,000 strokes, and 26,000 deaths over the next decade and 240,000 cases of diabetes per year nationwide.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager, or her designee, is hereby authorized to allocate $4.75 million from the General Fund to be disbursed in two (2) installments of $2.375 million in FY 2020 and $2.375 million in FY 2021 and invested as follows:

1. Allocate up to 40% of the allocated funds to Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD) through a grant proposal to reduce the consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages (SSBs) through the implementation and enhancement of the BUSD cooking and gardening programs for the period, July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021; and

2. Allocate at least 40% of the allocated funds through a RFP process managed by the City of Berkeley Public Health Division (BPHD) for grants to community-based organizations consistent with the SSPPE’s goals to reduce the consumption of SSB and to address the effects of SSB consumption for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021; and

3. Allocate 20% of the allocated funds to support the BPHD to coordinate and monitor the grant process, coordinate the overall program evaluation, and produce an annual report that disseminates process and outcome data resulting from the SSBPE funding program. A comprehensive and sustainable media campaign that coordinates with all regional soda tax efforts will be managed by BPHD with 10% of this portion of the allocation.

A records signature copy of the said agreement and any amendments to be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Berkeley City Council on May 14, 2019 by the following vote:

Ayes: Bartlett, Davila, Droste, Hahn, Harrison, Kesarwani, Robinson, Wengraf, and Arreguin.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.  

Jesse Arreguin, Mayor

Attest: Mark Numainville, City Clerk