



BERKELEY CITY COUNCILMEMBER
TERRY TAPLÍN
 DISTRICT 2

CONSENT CALENDAR
 March 24th, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Terry Taplin (co-author), Councilmember Igor Tregub (co-author), Mayor Ishii (co-sponsor), Councilmember Brent Blackaby (co-sponsor)

Subject: 2026 Holocaust Remembrance Day Program: 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 Councilmember Taplin, Councilmember Tregub, Councilmember Blackaby, and Mayor Ishii, to support the City's Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program with funds relinquished to the City's general fund. The relinquishment of funds from the discretionary Council

Office Budget of all Councilmembers who would like to contribute, allows the City of Berkeley to invite the community to its 23rd Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program, created by the community with City Council support. This year's program will be held on April 12th, 2026, at the Magnes Collection of Jewish Life and History in Berkeley's downtown. Registration via Eventbrite is required to attend.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

No General Fund impact: up to \$500 is available from contributing Councilmember's Council Office Budget discretionary accounts.

BACKGROUND

The City of Berkeley's Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program has been supported by the City Council since its inception in 2002. The program has occurred annually, except in the year 2020 when the pandemic hit without enough time to pivot to a virtual program. Berkeley's Holocaust Remembrance Day has become a treasured event for Holocaust survivors, family members and the Bay Area community as the only secular, city-sponsored program in the region. The community program invites attendees to honor those who perished in the Holocaust and those who survived. With fewer living survivors available to share their stories, firsthand, and rising antisemitic hate crimes in our region and nation-wide, it is essential that we support the testimony of survivors and their children about the Holocaust and re-affirm our City's resolve to never forget.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

No impact

CONTACT PERSON

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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 A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC PURPOSE

WHEREAS, Councilmember Taplin has surplus funds in his office expenditure accounts and will contribute \$500, and invite the Mayor and other Councilmembers to join him in contributing; and

WHEREAS, a California nonprofit tax-exempt corporation, The Jewish Community Center of the East Bay, serves as the fiscal sponsor of the Holocaust Remembrance Day program and will receive funds in an amount up to \$500 per contributing Councilmember's discretionary account; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such services would fulfill the municipal public purpose of providing an educational community program supporting Holocaust survivors, community recognition and factual information about the Holocaust. The grants will provide funds to produce the event.

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 Jewish Community Center of the East Bay to fund the City of Berkeley's virtual 23rd Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program on April 12, 2026.

