



Susan Wengraf
Councilmember District 6

CONSENT CALENDAR
March 26, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmembers Wengraf, Bartlett and Hahn and Mayor Arreguin
Subject: Holocaust Remembrance Day Event: 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 \$250 per Councilmember, including up to \$250 from Councilmember Wengraf, to support the City's Holocaust Remembrance Day program with funds relinquished to the City's general fund. The relinquishment of funds from Councilmember Wengraf's discretionary Council Office Budget and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute allows the City of Berkeley to invite and support the community to the City's 17th Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program on Sunday, April 28th, 11:30 AM at the Magnes Collection of Jewish Art and Life.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No General Fund impact: \$250 is available from contributing Councilmember's Council Office Budget discretionary accounts.

BACKGROUND

The City of Berkeley's 17th Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program includes a candle lighting ceremony, a Holocaust Survivor's story, an artist presentation, a grandchild's story, live cultural music, and refreshments afterwards. The community event invites attendees to enjoy Jewish history, honor those who survived and perished in the Holocaust and strengthen convictions to never let the Holocaust happen again.

Expenses for this event, including rental rates and auxiliary costs, have increased dramatically over the last few years. We are asking for Councilmember's generous support.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

No impact

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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, Councilmembers Susan Wengraf and Ben Bartlett have surplus funds in their office expenditure accounts and will each contribute \$250, and invite the Mayor and other Councilmembers to join them in contributing; and

WHEREAS, a California non-profit tax exempt corporation, Jewish Community Center, seeks funds in the amount up to \$250 per contributing Councilmember's Council Office Budget discretionary accounts that provided the following public services of rental fees, light refreshments, honorariums, publicity, and video production; and

WHEREAS, the provision of such services would fulfill the following municipal public purpose of providing a community program supporting Holocaust survivors, community recognition and education about the Holocaust, and unity among Berkeley residents. The grants provide a spacious venue, video documentation, and light refreshments.

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 \$250 per office, shall be granted to the Jewish Community Center to fund the City of Berkeley's 17th Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program.