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CONSENT CALENDAR

June 11, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Councilmember Sophie Hahn  
Subject: Berkeley Art Center Artist Award Luncheon: 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 \$250 per Councilmember, including \$250 from Councilmember Hahn, to Berkeley Art Center, for the Annual Artist Award Luncheon on Sunday, June 23, 2019 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.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

\$250 from the Councilmember's discretionary Council office budget.

BACKGROUND

Since 1967, Berkeley Art Center has been a home for contemporary artists and curators from throughout the Bay Area to respond to the issues of their time. Working in diverse media, they have inspired, provoked, challenged and amused viewers of every generation to think and see differently.

Berkeley Art Center, nestled in Live Oak Park, supports Bay Area artists to create exhibitions and programs that showcase local talent and explore the social and political concerns of our community. Berkeley Art Center hosts thousands of visitors each year through exhibitions, performances, lectures and workshops. Berkeley Art Center provides access to visual arts for art-lovers of all ages, from exhibitions by local artists to hands-on activities for families, with the mission to make Berkeley a stronger, more vibrant, and more interesting place.

Each year, the Berkeley Art Center Artist Award Luncheon honors a Bay Area artist and raises funds to support the Art Center's exhibitions and programs showcasing a diverse slate of local artists. At this year's Annual Artist Award Luncheon, Berkeley Art Center honors Jim Melchert, a maverick artist across disciplines. As a professor at UC Berkeley, Jim had tremendous influence on a generation of artists. Berkeley Art Center honors him for both his impressive career and his pivotal role as a mentor.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

This recommendation supports Berkeley's environmental sustainability goals.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution
2. Berkeley Art Center Annual Artist Award Luncheon information page

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE EXPENSE ACCOUNTS THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS FOR A GRANT TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SERVICES FOR A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC PURPOSE

WHEREAS, Councilmember Hahn has surplus funds in her office expenditure account; and

WHEREAS, a California non-profit tax-exempt corporation -- Berkeley Art Center -- will receive funds in the amount of \$250; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley Art Center programs provide thousands of Berkeley residents of all ages with access to the visual arts; and

WHEREAS, the Art Center Annual Artist Award Luncheon is an opportunity to celebrate local artists and promote the importance of the arts; and

WHEREAS, 2019 honoree Jim Melchert has had an impressive career across disciplines and has mentored a generation of younger Bay Area artists.

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 of up to \$250 per office shall be granted to Berkeley Art Center.



# Berkeley Art Center 2019 Artist Award Luncheon Honoring Jim Melchert

**Sunday, June 23  
11am to 2pm**

Proceeds support Berkeley Art Center’s exhibitions and programs showcasing a diverse slate of local artists.

**Honorary Event Chair**

Ann Hatch

**Host Committee**

- Kim Anno
- Rena Bransten
- Trish Bransten
- Marna Braunstein Clark
- Squeak Carnwath & Gary Knecht
- Penny Cooper & Rena Rosenwasser
- Judy Dater\*
- Ed Gilbert
- Mildred Howard\*
- Charles & Naomie Kremer
- Lynn Landor
- Hung Liu\* & Jeff Kelley
- Dennis Markham & Modesto Covarrubias
- Kelsey Nicholson & Rusty Schwartz
- Josh Oliver & Azar Zavvar
- Gay Outlaw & Bob Schmidt
- Nancy Selvin
- Jeffrey Spahn & Paul Bontekoe
- John Toki
- Stephen Walrod & Lauren McIntosh
- Kriss Worthington

**Organizational Sponsors**

- BAMPFA
- Mechanics Bank

*\*Indicates 2018 Award recipient*

**ABOUT JIM MELCHERT**

Jim Melchert has been at the center of the Bay Area’s artistic scene for decades. His process blurs the boundaries between conceptual art, ceramics and painting, and has cemented his reputation as a maverick across disciplines. As a professor at UC Berkeley, Jim had tremendous influence on a generation of artists. Berkeley Art Center honors him for both his impressive career and his pivotal role as a mentor.

Melchert served as head of the Visual Arts Program at the NEA, as well as director of the American Academy in Rome. His work has been exhibited at the Whitney Museum, LACMA, SFMOMA, BAMPFA, the Victoria and Albert Museum and Documenta 5, among many other institutions and galleries. He is represented by Anglim Gilbert in San Francisco, and his work can be found in private collections throughout the Bay Area and beyond.

