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Urgency Item Agenda Material

Meeting Date: November 19, 2019

Subject: Budget Referral: Funding for Strawberry Creek Lodge Food Program for Fiscal Year 2020

Rationale: Find that pursuant to California Government Code Section 54954.2(b) that immediate action is required and that the matter came to the attention of the City Council after the agenda was published, and accept the item for consideration tonight.

BACKGROUND
Strawberry Creek Lodge (SCL) is an assisted senior-living community located in the heart of Berkeley, dating back to 1962. This historic affordable senior housing complex has an active community of 250 households and is managed by the Berkeley Affordable Housing Association. While the Strawberry Creek Lodge is undergoing seismic retrofits and much needed renovations (in the final stages of the City's permit process), their kitchen has gone out of commission, and is unable to provide the necessary nutrition for its residents. We are requesting \$100,000 be allocated to the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget in order to fund the Strawberry Creek Lodge food program. This money is critical to provide meals for the low-income senior residents of the community who are unable to afford the high cost of alternative senior meal plans such as Meals on Wheels, which charges \$8.95 per meal and is too steep for many of the fixed-income residents. We believe it is important to support the health and well-being of our senior community.

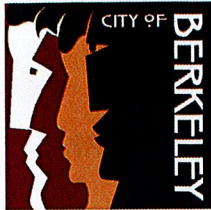
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FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION
\$100,000 is required to fund the food program.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
The initiative to protect the most vulnerable during the time of Climate Emergency.

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ATTACHMENTS
1. Resolution



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URGENCY ITEM
ACTION CALENDAR
November 19, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Cheryl Davila
Subject: Budget Referral: Funding for Strawberry Creek Lodge Food Program for Fiscal Year 2020

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2020 budget to include at least \$100,000 to fund the Strawberry Creek Lodge Food Program.

BACKGROUND

Strawberry Creek Lodge (SCL) is an assisted senior living community, nestled into the heart of Berkeley, dating back to 1962. This historic affordable senior housing complex has an active community of 150 households and is managed by the Satellite Affordable Housing Associates. While the Strawberry Creek Lodge is undergoing seismic retrofits and much needed renovations (in the final stages of the City's permit process), their kitchen has gone out of commission, and is unable to provide the necessary nutrition for its residents. We are requesting at \$100,000 be amended to the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget in order to fund the Strawberry Creek Lodge food program. This money is critical to provide meals for the low-income senior residents of the community, who are unable to afford the high cost of alternative senior meal plans, such as Meals on Wheels, which charges \$6.95 per meal, and is too steep for many of the fixed-income residents. We believe it is important to support the health and well-being of our senior community.

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ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. XXXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERKELEY TO SUPPORT FUNDING FOR THE STRAWBERRY CREEK LODGE FOOD PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020.

WHEREAS, Strawberry Creek Lodge (SCL) is a low-income senior affordable housing facility that has been active in the Berkeley community since 1962; and

WHEREAS, The Strawberry Creek Lodge supports a community of 150 senior households; and

WHEREAS, The SCL is currently without a kitchen during renovations and requires \$100,000 assistance to fund their food program; and

WHEREAS, The holidays are approaching and the SCL is limited in their ability to prepare meals to gather their residents and celebrate the season; and

WHEREAS, Many of the SCL residents are unable to afford the cost of alternative senior meal preparation programs, such as Meals on Wheels, because they lived on fixed incomes; and

WHEREAS, Strawberry Creek Lodge has already begun collaboration with other Berkeley community organizations, such as the Berkeley Food Network, to prepare meals in their kitchen in the future; and

WHEREAS, The City of Berkeley is dedicated to supporting the health, well-being, and proper nutrition of our senior community members;

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Berkeley City Council adopts a resolution to support the funding of the Strawberry Creek Lodge's food program by amending the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget and allocating \$100,000.

