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Vice Mayor and Councilmember District 6

CONSENT CALENDAR
March 26, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Vice Mayor Susan Wengraf (Author), Mayor Arreguin (Co-Sponsor),
Councilmember Hahn (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor)
Subject: 2024 Virtual 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 Vice Mayor Wengraf, to support the City’s Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program with funds relinquished to the City’s general fund. The relinquishment of funds from Vice Mayor Wengraf’s discretionary Council Office Budget and all other Councilmembers who would like to contribute, allows the City of Berkeley to invite the community to its 21st Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day virtual program, created by the community with City Council support. This year’s program will be held virtually on May 5th, 2024. Register via Eventbrite to attend.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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 rising hate incidents and hate crimes in our region and nation-wide, it is critical that we hear the stories of survivors of the Holocaust and re-affirm our resolve to never forget.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

No impact

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Attachment: 1. Resolution

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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 Wengraf has surplus funds in her office expenditure accounts and will contribute \$500, and invite the Mayor and other Councilmembers to join her 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 a community program supporting Holocaust survivors, community recognition and education about the Holocaust and unity among Berkeley residents. The grants will provide funds to produce the virtual 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 21st Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program on May 5, 2024.

