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CONSENT CALENDAR
April 15, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmembers Igor Tregub (Co-Author), Shoshana O’Keefe (Co-Author), Mark Humbert (Co-Author), and Mayor Adena Ishii (Co-Sponsor)
Subject: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds from General Funds and Grant of Such Funds to 2025 Virtual Holocaust Remembrance Day Program

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember from the D13 Discretionary Accounts of members of the Berkeley City Council, including \$500 from Councilmember O’Keefe, \$500 from Councilmember Tregub, \$500 from Councilmember Humbert, and \$500 from 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 Councilmembers O’Keefe, Tregub, Humbert and Mayor Ishii’s respective discretionary Council Office Budgets as well as any other members of the Berkeley City Council who would like to contribute, allows the City of Berkeley to invite the community to its 22nd Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day virtual program, created by the community with City Council support.

This year’s program will be held virtually on April 24, 2025.

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 COVID-19 pandemic was declared 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 were

murdered in the Holocaust as well as those who survived. With the dramatic rise of antisemitic and other hate incidents and hate crimes in our region and nation-wide, it is critical that we hear the firsthand stories of survivors of the Holocaust and reaffirm our resolve to never forget.

FISCAL IMPACTS

No General Fund impact. Up to \$500 is available from contributing Councilmembers' Council Office Budget discretionary accounts.

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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 O’Keefe, Tregub and Humbert have surplus funds in their D13 discretionary office expenditure account and will contribute \$500, and invite the Mayor and other Councilmembers to join 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;

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 22nd Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program on April 24, 2025.

