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CONSENT CALENDAR
April 12, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmembers Susan Wengraf & Sophie Hahn (authors) Mayor Arreguin and Councilmember Bartlett (co-sponsors)
Subject: Proclamation in Honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Holocaust Remembrance Day Proclamation for the 19th Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program to be held virtually Thursday, April 28th from 2:00 – 3:00 PM.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

BACKGROUND

The City of Berkeley has sponsored the Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program since 2002 to honor Holocaust survivors and their families. It reminds all of us of the terrible consequences when hate goes unchecked. The program nourishes, strengthens and renews our belief in the strength of the human spirit. All community members are welcome to attend.

This year's program honors Survivor Adela Mayer who will speak about her experiences as a young child in Czechoslovakia. The Soprano, Heather Klein and Pianist, Jason Manlapaz will perform. Poet, Peter Dale Scott and Tessa Rudnick, granddaughter of Survivor Jean Greenstein will also contribute. A candle lighting by Survivors, in memory of lost family and friends, frames the hour-long program.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

N/A

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Attachments:
1: Proclamation

BERKELEY'S 19TH ANNUAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Whereas, The Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic genocide of more than six million European Jews by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945; and

Whereas, The Holocaust was a crime of shocking inhumanity, targeting for persecution and death, Jews and also Roma and Sinti people, those with mental illness and physical disabilities, homosexuals, Slavs, Poles, and members of anti-Nazi networks from throughout Europe; and

Whereas, This year's guiding Holocaust Remembrance theme of "*Memory, Dignity, and Justice*" emphasizes the importance of recording history and the act of remembering, which brings dignity and justice to those whom the perpetrators of the Holocaust intended to destroy; and

Whereas, False information on the Holocaust continues to deny and trivialize the truth of what took place during the Nazi regime and, for the benefit of past, present and future generations, we must never forget the appalling crimes of the Holocaust; and

Whereas, The purpose of Berkeley's Holocaust Remembrance Day is to join together as a community to remember the Holocaust, honoring survivors who chose to rebuild their lives in Berkeley and the Bay Area, and to reflect on the need to respect all people.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Jesse Arreguín, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, does hereby proclaim April 28, 2022 as

Holocaust Remembrance Day

In the City of Berkeley, in memory of those who perished and in honor of the survivors as well as the rescuers and liberators.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the City of Berkeley is committed to never forgetting the events of the Holocaust and to working actively to combat anti-Semitism, racism, bigotry, and hatred in all forms, and to the promotion of human rights and dignity for all.