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CONSENT CALENDAR

May 12, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Vice Mayor Sophie Hahn, Councilmember Ben Bartlett,
and Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Subject: Board of Library Trustees Reappointment: John Selawsky

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the reappointment of John Selawsky to the Board of Library Trustees (“BOLT”) for a term of four years commencing May 16, 2020 and ending May 16, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

None.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Section 30 of the Charter of the City of Berkeley and BMC Section 3.04.010, the Board of Library Trustees (BOLT) consists of five members appointed by a majority of the City Council, one of whom must be a member of the Council. Trustees are appointed for terms of four-years, serve without compensation, and must be Berkeley residents. Trustees are subject to removal from the Board “at the pleasure” of the City Council, prior to expiration of the term for which they are appointed. Permanent vacancies, from whatever cause, are filled by the City Council by a majority vote for the unexpired term.

Trustee Selawsky is currently serving as a result of appointment to BOLT on May 16, 2017, by City Council resolution 67,989-N.S., for a first term of office ending on May 16, 2020. Trustees are eligible to be reappointed for additional terms. Traditionally, BOLT has supported trustees expressing an interest in serving additional terms of office by providing the City Council with a recommendation for reappointment in advance of the term’s expiration, to ensure continuity and a full complement of board members to conduct business.

In light of the City of Berkeley, State of California and Federal declared COVID-19 Emergencies, BOLT has suspended its regular meetings and no meeting at which such a recommendation could be acted upon has taken place. While the practice of making recommendations for reappointment has been customary, it is not required by the Charter, Berkeley Municipal Code

or any other policy of the Library or the City of Berkeley, and the City Council may act to appoint or reappoint a trustee without action by BOLT.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Trustee Selawsky's first term will end on May 16, 2020 and he is eligible for reappointment for a term that would end on May 16, 2024. Trustee Selawsky is currently serving as President of BOLT and is a trustee in good standing. He has confirmed his willingness to continue serving on BOLT for another term.

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Attachments:

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.
RE-APPOINTMENT OF JOHN SELAWSKY AS A MEMBER OF THE LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 30 of the Charter of the City of Berkeley and BMC Section 3.04.010, the Board of Library Trustees consists of five members appointed by a majority of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2017, by City Council resolution 67,989-N.S., John Selawsky by was appointed to a first term as a Trustee, ending on May 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Selawsky currently serves as President of the Board of Library Trustees, is eligible for reappointment, and has expressed his willingness to serve as a Trustee for another term;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that John Selawsky be reappointed to the Board of Library Trustees for a term beginning May 16, 2020 and ending May 16, 2024.

