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### CONSENT CALENDAR

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To: Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington  
Councilmember Darryl Moore  
Mayor Tom Bates

Subject: Support Proposition 81: Literacy, Learning, and Libraries

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Berkeley City Council support Proposition 81 in the June Primary Elections.

#### BACKGROUND:

Proposition 81 (The California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2006) provides for a six hundred million dollar (\$600,000,000) bond issue that would provide funding toward construction and improvement of public libraries in the State of California. The improvements are aimed at expanding access to reading and literacy programs throughout the state. Funding priority will be given to projects that did not receive funding under the 2000 Library Bond Act. This bond will be paid off over the course of 30 years, and the proposition will also include a one-time local cost of about \$320 million to pay for a share of the improvement costs.

Additional information about Proposition 81, including the proposed text, can be found at the California Secretary of State's website: [http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/vig\\_06/vig\\_pdf/entire\\_81.pdf](http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/vig_06/vig_pdf/entire_81.pdf)

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

NONE

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