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### CONSENT CALENDAR

April 25, 2006

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington  
Councilmember Darryl Moore

Subject: Support Proposition 82 (Public Preschool Education) on the June 6<sup>th</sup> Primary Ballot

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Berkeley City Council support Proposition 82, a ballot initiative on the June 6<sup>th</sup> Primary Election ballot, which would establish a right to voluntary public preschool education for four-year-old children funded by a 1.7% tax on individuals earning above \$400,000 and couples earning above \$800,000.

#### BACKGROUND:

From the Secretary of State Website:

**Public Preschool Education. Tax Increase on Incomes Over \$400,000 for Individuals; \$800,000 for Couples. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.**

*Proponents: James C. Harrison and Roberta B. Johansen (510) 346-6200*

Establishes right to voluntary public preschool for all four-year old children, administered by state Superintendent of Public Instruction and county school superintendents. Funded by 1.7% tax on individual income above \$400,000 annually; \$800,000 for couples. Directs counties to prepare five-year assessments and annual reports regarding voluntary preschool curriculum, outreach, facilities, childcare coordination, teacher recruitment/ pay, and budgeting. Limits administrative expenses, and requires audits of county programs. Requires state Superintendent to develop preschool teaching credential with financial aid for teachers. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Increased personal income taxes on high-income earners beginning in 2007, with revenues reaching approximately \$2.4 billion annually in 2010-11. Revenues would support an entitlement to one year of preschool for four-year olds beginning in 2010-11. Revenues in the early years of the program could be used for facilities, teacher training, student financial aid, and early implementation of preschool services.

For more information, visit the Sec. Of State's Initiative site:

[http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections\\_j.htm#2006Primary](http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_j.htm#2006Primary)

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

NONE

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