



**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Councilmembers Linda Maio and Darryl Moore

**SUBJECT:** Definition of "Arts and Crafts"

**RECOMMENDATION:**

To request that the Arts Commission review and update the definition of "arts and crafts" as referred to in the West Berkeley zoning, which will enable an inventory of such space to go forward and ensure that the space is protected, as stipulated in the West Berkeley Plan and the zoning.

**BACKGROUND:**

The West Berkeley Plan and zoning calls for protection of space for arts and crafts. We badly need to undertake an inventory of such space or the protections that were stipulated are rendered meaningless. Indeed, it is quite possible that we have lost arts space that was not "known" anecdotally and accounted for, which of course could then not be protected because it was not "known."

The Arts Commission has had, as its highest priority, an inventory of the arts and crafts space in West Berkeley. As it continues to push for this work to be initiated by staff, one of the major tasks that has come to light is the updating of the definition to be consistent with the arts and crafts as they are being practiced now in West Berkeley. The Commission will no doubt struggle with what constitutes arts and crafts as their practice has been modified by the advent of computers and advanced technology. There is no better group to determine the appropriate definition, which can then be used to guide the inventory itself and the City's policies and procedures for protection of such space in West Berkeley.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

None.

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