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CONSENT CALENDAR
July 14, 2009

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Jesse Arreguín
Subject: Referral to City Manager: Naming of I-80 Bridge in Honor of Dona Spring

RECOMMENDATION:

Refer to the City Manager the naming of the Eastshore Pedestrian Overcrossing (“I-80 bridge”) in honor of former Councilmember Dona Spring.

BACKGROUND:

On February 27, 2002, the I-80 bridge officially opened after years of work by community members, City staff and most notably the late Councilmember Dona Spring.

Prior to the bridge being built the only wheelchair accessible route to the Marina was through an undercrossing one mile to the north. Bicyclists and pedestrians also had limited access to the Marina/Waterfront park.

The bridge provides an ADA compliant route between West Berkeley and the park, as well as a safe and convenient route for pedestrians and bicyclists thereby providing equal access to all people in our community to the waterfront park.

Dona was a champion of not only disabled access but access for all segments of our population. The I-80 bridge is not only a symbol of all of Dona’s hard work but also of her commitment of providing access to everyone.

Dona passed away on July 13, 2008 and left behind her a long legacy of tireless activism for the disabled, the environment and many other progressive causes. Naming this bridge in her honor would be a fitting tribute to the many contributions that she made to the City of Berkeley.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Unknown.

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