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CONSENT CALENDAR

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Councilmembers Kriss Worthington and Arreguin

Subject: SUPPORT HR 3221 STUDENT AID AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT

RECOMMENDATION

Send a letter to President Barack Obama, Senator Barbara Boxer and Senator Diane Feinstein urging them to support the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009 (H.R. 3221).

BACKGROUND

An email from CALPIRG informed us of U.S. PIRG's effort to pass this bill which helps renew the promise of student aid programs for tens of millions of students who rely on grants, loans, and access to community college to achieve a college education.

On September 17, 2009, the House of Representative passed H.R. 3221 by a vote of 253-171. According to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Education and Labor, the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009 is a landmark investment in America's economic future. The bill will expand quality early education opportunities that will put more children on the path to success. It will strengthen community colleges and training programs to help build a highly-skilled, innovative, 21st century workforce ready for the rigors of a global economy. It will boost the fiscal health of the country our children will inherit by paying down the deficit.

H.R. 3221:

- Increases maximum Pell Grant Awards making college affordable.
- Provides reliable, affordable, high-quality Federal student loans.
- Prepares students and workers for 21st century jobs by providing Americans with the skill and resources they need to compete.
- Ensures that the next generation of children enters kindergarten with the skills they need to succeed in school.
- Provides schools with access to funding for green, energy efficient modernization, renovation and repair projects.
- Meets Pay-As-You-Go fiscal responsibility principles and reduces entitlement spending.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

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