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### CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Subject: Urging UC Regents to Adopt the UC Dream Scholarship Proposal for Undocumented Students

#### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution urging the UC Regents to pass the UC Dream Scholarship proposal for Undocumented Students.

#### BACKGROUND

At the next UC Regents meeting UCLA Chancellor Block and the Student Regent Jesse Bernal will be proposing for the UC Regents to open up institutional UC scholarships and financial aid to undocumented students.

This is an important public policy because hundreds of thousands of gifted undocumented students have been denied the opportunity to attend college. Because undocumented students are denied access to federal college financial aid, large numbers of highly skilled students do not attend college. Undocumented students are well-deserving of the scholarships because their families and communities contribute tax dollars and incalculable hours to the state of California.

University of California Students Association, the Oakland and San Francisco School Boards, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, and many more student and community organizations state-wide have supported a the call for the UC Regents to pass the UC - Wide Financial Aid / Dream Program.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

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# Pass the UC Dream Scholarship Proposal for Undocumented Students

WHEREAS, at the next UC Regents meeting UCLA Chancellor Block and the Student Regent Jesse Bernal will be proposing for the UC Regents to open up institutional UC scholarships and financial aid to undocumented students.

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of gifted undocumented students are denied the opportunity to attend college. Undocumented students are discriminatorily denied access to federal college financial aid, and even if they overcome this and graduate their future remains uncertain. Passage of the UC wide Dream Resolution would give undocumented students the opportunity to receive institutional scholarships and financial aid.

WHEREAS, the families and communities of undocumented students contribute billions of tax dollars and incalculable hours of poorly paid labor that benefit the economy. Giving their sons and daughters the right to benefit from publicly-funded tuition aid programs is fair and just.

WHEREAS, if passed by the University of California, one of the top levels of government, the UC wide Dream Resolution will establish the important principle that undocumented students can no longer be assigned to a second-class, inferior status and must be treated with respect and dignity. The longstanding legal right of undocumented students to receive the same public educational opportunities as everyone else would be closer to becoming real.

WHEREAS, immediate passage of a UC Dream Scholarship Proposal would clear the way for other campuses across the country to enact Dream Scholarships as well and pave the way for eventual passage of a Federal Dream Act.

WHEREAS, winning the enactment of campus based Dream Scholarships will advance the fight for increased financial aid for all poor, working class, and middle class students who need massively expanded federal aid programs to attain a university education.

WHEREAS, University of California Students Association (UCSA), the Oakland and San Francisco School Boards, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, and many more student and community organizations state-wide have joined the call for the UC Regents to pass the UC - Wide Financial Aid / Dream Program.

**Therefore Be It Resolved That:**



The Berkeley City Council supports the student Regent's call for a UC-wide Dream Scholarship and Financial Aid Program. We will write a letter to the Board of Regents urging them to pass this measure as soon as possible.