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CONSENT CALENDAR

June 10, 2014

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington

Subject: Proclamation in Honor of Volti

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a proclamation honoring Volti for 35 years of vocal ensemble performance.

BACKGROUND:

Volti, originally called the San Francisco Chamber Singers, is a 20 member choir from San Francisco and the Bay Area that was founded in Fall 1979 by Robert Geary. Volti specializes in contemporary vocal music showcasing both the latest international and American music. They recently concluded their 35th season at the Marsh Arts Center in Berkeley with their critically acclaimed performance, "Sounds from the Bench". Volti regularly performs in Berkeley at The Freight and Salvage, the David Brower Center, and the Marsh Arts Center.

With over 500 performances, Volti has covered a wide range of topics in its music. This includes social justice, responsible citizenship, different conceptions of God/spirit, political strife, class distinctions, and even Internet culture. The internationally recognized group has won countless awards over the past 35 years, including becoming a six time winner of the ASCAP/Chorus America Award for Adventurous Programming of Contemporary Music.

In addition to its performances, Volti is committed to improving education and accessibility to musical arts in high schools. They have established the Choral Institute for High School Students, which gives up to 150 students training and performance experience in an intensive weekend-long course.

For more information: voltisf.org

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

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Attachment:

1. Proclamation Honoring Volti

IN HONOR OF VOLTI

WHEREAS, Volti is a San Francisco based vocal ensemble consisting of 20 professional singers; and

WHEREAS, Volti was founded 35 years ago, in Fall 1979, under the leadership of Robert Geary, who continues to serve as their Artistic Director to this day; and

WHEREAS, Volti has won numerous awards over the last 35 years, including becoming the first choir to win the prestigious ASCAP/Chorus America Award for Adventurous Programming of Contemporary Music six times; and

WHEREAS, The artistic music presented by Volti covers modern themes and the human experience, ranging from social justice to different conceptions of God and the Spirit, - exploring the ideas of new generations of composers and expanding the range of the choral art; and

WHEREAS, Volti has contributed to the advancement of musical arts in high schools through its Choral Institute for High School Students; and

WHEREAS, With over 500 performances, Volti has risen to become one of the preeminent and renowned professional choirs in the United States.

WHEREAS, Volti regularly performs in Berkeley at The Freight and Salvage, the David Brower Center, and the Marsh Arts Center.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Mayor and City Council of Berkeley, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, June 10, 2014 as

Volti Day

in the City of Berkeley for their achievements, contributions and dedication to music and the contemporary arts.

Mayor Tom Bates

Councilmember Max Anderson

Councilmember Jesse Arreguin

Councilmember Laurie Capitelli

Councilmember Linda Maio

Councilmember Darryl Moore

Councilmember Susan Wengraf

Councilmember Kriss Worthington

Councilmember Gordon Wozniak

