



**COMMENDING THE BERKELEY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND BERKELEY FIREFIGHTERS
LOCAL 1227 FOR THEIR WORK WITH THE BERKELEY FIRE SCIENCE PROGRAM**

- WHEREAS,** The Berkeley Fire Department (BFD) and Berkeley Firefighters Local 1227 approached the Berkeley Unified School District with a request to design a program to put Berkeley kids on track to become Berkeley firefighters; and
- WHEREAS,** Their goals are to offer Berkeley youth the opportunity to remain local and build stronger ties with the community as well as create a more diverse workforce; and
- WHEREAS,** BFD has unstintingly allocated time and resources to support this program, helping with teacher recruitment, donating equipment, opening its stations to the students, sending speakers to the class, signing off on a grant application, and participating directly in the planning and design of a two-year articulated program from Fire Science to EMT to Paramedic to employment; and
- WHEREAS,** Nearly 30 Local 1227 members have volunteered their time to help find teachers, vet curriculum, find equipment from other departments, and to recruit mentors from active-duty BFD firefighters who will work with students over the next few years, coaching them, taking them on ride-alongs, and helping them academically and personally.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, TOM BATES, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, do hereby honor

The Berkeley Fire Department and Berkeley Firefighters Local 1227

for their commitment to Berkeley youth and the Berkeley community as shown through their dedication and time volunteered to creating a Berkeley Fire Science pathway from school to job training to employment.

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Mayor



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