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Councilmember District 2

CONSENT CALENDAR
April 7, 2015

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Darryl Moore, District 2
Subject: Recognize Nancy Skinner for Her Service to Berkeley

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution honoring Nancy Skinner for her service to our Berkeley and East Bay community.

BACKGROUND

Nancy Skinner has served her East Bay district on the California State Assembly for the past 6 years until she recently termed out in 2014. Before serving on the State Assembly, she served on the East Bay Regional Parks District, the Berkeley City Council, and a host of environmental non-profit organizations aimed at stemming climate change.

To honor her committed service to our community, it is recommended that the Berkeley City Council adopt a resolution designating April 7, 2015 as “Nancy Skinner Day.”

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

None

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

RECOGNIZING THE DEVOTED SERVICE OF NANCY SKINNER

WHEREAS, Nancy Skinner came to Berkeley to attend the University of California at Berkeley, earning both a B.S. from the College of Natural Resources and a Masters in Education from the UC Berkeley School of Education; and

WHEREAS, while studying at U.C. Berkeley, she was a leader in the Anti-Apartheid Movement, served as the Academic Affairs Vice President of the student government (ASUC), started the DeCal program and was a founder of the Union of Graduate Student Employees now the Graduate Student Instructors Union (GSI); and

WHEREAS, during her time at U.C. Berkeley, she became the first and only student elected to the Berkeley City Council, serving from 1984-1992, and helped establish Eastshore State Park, drafted the initiative that made Berkeley the first city in the United States to set a 50% recycling goal, introduced the ordinance that declared Berkeley's observance of Columbus Day as Indigenous People's Day and authored legislation to ban Styrofoam at fast food businesses, the first such legislation in the United States; and

WHEREAS, after serving on the City Council, Nancy served in leadership capacities for several non-profit organizations concerning the environment, founding ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, a coalition of 2,000 global cities, and Cities for Climate Protection to assist urban regions with environmental and global warming policy, and also served as the U.S. director of The Climate Group, an international organization that worked with businesses to address global warming; and

WHEREAS, Nancy was appointed to the East Bay Regional Park Board of Directors in March 2006 to fill a vacancy and then was elected later in 2006 with 84% of the vote to keep her seat on the Board; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Nancy was elected to the California State Assembly where she championed important legislation on gun violence prevention, renewable energy expansion, eliminating corporate tax loopholes and mandating rape kit testing, recently terming out in 2014.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Council recognizes April 7, 2015 as Nancy Skinner Day for her tireless service our community and her drive to make the world a better place.