To:     Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From:  Councilmember Kriss Worthington  
Subject:  City Manager Referral: Reinstate Inviting Community Agencies to Make Presentations During the Commission Funding Process  

RECOMMENDATION:  
Refer to the City Manager to increase transparency by reinstating a practice of inviting community agencies to present to city commissions on proposals during the funding allocation process.  

BACKGROUND:  
Each funding cycle, several City commissions review applications from various community agencies for funding. For many years the City has systematically invited community agencies to give presentation for approximately 10 minutes. These presentations provide an opportunity to answer questions posed by commissioners.  

Every commission holds hearings on the funding requests. Allowing the public and the people in applicant agencies to participate in a methodical way allows for more transparency.  

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:  
Minimal.  

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:  
Consistent with Berkeley’s Environmental Sustainability Goals and no negative impact.  

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