To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Tom Bates, Mayor
Subject: Designating City’s Labor Negotiator Under Gov. Code Section 54957.6

RECOMMENDATION
Adopt a Resolution designating the Mayor as labor negotiator to participate in closed sessions with the City Council with respect to negotiations for the City Manager classification.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION
No fiscal impacts result from this action.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS
The City Council has to date not designated any one as labor negotiator for the City Manager classification. Once a labor negotiator is designated, the City Council can meet in closed session regarding compensation for the City Manager classification.

BACKGROUND
Government Code Section 54947.6 of the Brown Act, provides that prior to meeting in closed session with its negotiators, the local agency must hold an open session in which the agency identifies its designated labor representatives.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION
It is necessary for the City to comply with the provisions of the Brown Act, Government Code Section 54947.6, and have the City Council designate a labor negotiator for this classification.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED
None.

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Attachment:
1: Resolution
RESOLUTION NO. XX,XXX–N.S.

PARTICIPATION IN CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSIONS FOR LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 54947.6 requires the local agency to provide public notice of agency representatives attending City Council closed sessions for labor negotiations by specifying the names of the designated representatives attending the closed session and the employee organization in question or, for unrepresented employees, a designation of the unrepresented employees who are the subject of the negotiations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that pursuant to Government Code Section 54947.6, Mayor Tom Bates is designated to represent the City in closed session labor negotiations for the City Manager classification.