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Councilmember District 6

CONSENT CALENDAR
February 9, 2016

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Susan Wengraf
Subject: City Manager Referral: Re-naming of Bret Harte Lane (#72) in Honor of California Poet Laureate Ina Coolbrith

RECOMMENDATION

In accordance with the City of Berkeley's naming policy, refer to the City Manager the renaming of Bret Harte Lane (#72) to honor California's first poet laureate, Ina Coolbrith. Request that this be sent to the appropriate commission for consideration and return to Council with a recommendation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Cost of new signage and installation

BACKGROUND:

Ina Coolbrith was California's first poet laureate. Coolbrith was a noted woman writer who contributed to the prestige of the University of California in its early years. In the 1920's, she lived in three different houses in Berkeley and died here on February 29, 1928. Currently the City has no recognition of Coolbrith even though there is a cluster of streets in the Berkeley hills named after her famous male colleagues. In fact, the Berkeley Path Wanderer's have obtained an undated map that indicates that Queen's Road was once named Ina Way. There is no information available indicating when that name was changed. Whereas Berkeley already has a street and a path named after Bret Harte it would be fitting to name the Bret Harte Lane (#72) in honor of Ina Coolbrith.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

NA

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