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CONSENT CALENDAR

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington
 Councilmember Susan Wengraf

Subject: City Manager Referral: Expanding Gun Safety Measures in Berkeley

RECOMMENDATION:

Refer to the City Manager to consider the following ordinances:

1. Banning Unsecured Firearms And Ammunition Located In Unattended Vehicles In The Public Right Of Way And "Public Places" As Defined In The Ordinance; and
2. Requiring That City-Issued Firearms In Unattended Vehicles Be Secured.

BACKGROUND:

Nearly every city in California has experienced the negative effects of gun violence. Just in the first few weeks of January 2016, the Berkeley Police Department has had to service several emergency calls as a result of violence with guns. Berkeley can expect more gun violence as 2016 progresses.

On January 5, 2016 the Oakland City Council took an early leadership role on implementing new gun control laws. The Oakland City Council passed two important gun control measures; Banning Unsecured Firearms And Ammunition Located In Unattended Vehicles In The Public Right Of Way And "Public Places" As Defined In The Ordinance; and Requiring That City-Issued Firearms In Unattended Vehicles Be Secured.

It is important that the City of Berkeley help Oakland's effort to secure firearms and ammunition. Oakland's crime statistics showed that from 2004 to 2015 approximately 300 guns were stolen during auto burglaries. Gun violence has no borders. Thus, it is imperative that the Berkeley City Council support this common sense gun control measure and require firearms and ammunition to be secured.

Link to Oakland ordinances: <http://oakland.legistar.com/gateway.aspx?M=F&ID=f8c525a0-cbea-4d66-b156-24abd8b73226.pdf>

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Minimal.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:

Consistent with Berkeley's Environmental Sustainability Goals and no negative impact.

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