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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
 From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington  
 Subject: City of Berkeley's Co-sponsorship of the Music is Healing Tour

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the City of Berkeley co-sponsor the Music is Healing Tour

#### BACKGROUND

According to Word Sound Life, a student-run public media and service learning organization sponsoring the tour, "Music is Healing Us' (MIHU) is a large-scale music initiative with an international roster of artists to host a series of transformative convergences in attractive urban landmarks or natural settings that would attract global attention to reflect, identify and implement sustainable solutions to questions of water pollution, privatization and shortage."

"The purpose of the Music is Healing initiative is to connect local artists, poets, performers, media-makers, educators, activists, youth and elders into a cohesive and vibrant community of learning producing diverse forms of arts, media and cultural expressions (mural art, spoken word, dance, improvisation, music, filmmaking, etc.) through regular pop-up street performances."

"An integral part of every performance is the "Healing Waters" ritual to address the negative impact of human activity on the planet and the importance of altering our consciousness, mindset, habits and speech in order to evolve resilient local communities that can act collectively towards the safeguarding of this most precious natural resource. With the ongoing encroachment by private industry groups on the Earth's natural resources to the detriment of future generations, it is imperative for the people's voices to be raised, if only in prayer. The purpose of the ritual is to build and strengthen local ties amongst community members across social boundaries (race, class, gender)."

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Minimal

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:

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

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