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CONSENT CALENDAR  
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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington  
Councilmember Linda Maio

Subject: Supporting Standing Rock Sioux Protests against North Dakota Pipeline

### RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution supporting the Standing Rock Sioux Resistance to the North Dakota Pipeline.

### BACKGROUND:

The Dakota Access Pipeline is a 3.7 billion dollar project that would carry 570,000 barrels of oil over 1,100 miles of land, posing a risk to the several areas it passes over. It would pass over 200 bodies of water, some of which are used for drinking water. The Standing Rock Sioux tribe, other tribal groups, and several advocacy groups have raised their voice against the project, considering the environmental threats, and possibility of large-scale water contamination. The ongoing protests have yielded little: a permit for the project was issued in July, the Standing Rock Sioux Chieftain was arrested, and the governor of North Dakota has declared a state of emergency, preparing to respond to the protests with law enforcement.

The following is a partial list of organizations that support the Standing Rock Sioux resistance: Indigenous Environmental Network, 30.org, CREDO Action, Sierra Club, Bold Alliance, Greenpeace, US Climate Plan, Environmental Action, Just Foreign Policy, Climate Hawks Vote, Environment America, Wild Earth Guardians, Women's Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN) and 350 Santa Cruz.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Minimal.

### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:

Potentially significant national reduction of greenhouse gas.

### MORE INFORMATION:

- <http://www.nytimes.com/2016/08/27/us/north-dakota-oil-pipeline-battle-whos-fighting-and-why.html>
- <http://bsnorrell.blogspot.com/2016/08/cities-of-seattle-and-st-paul-support.html>
- <http://www.nytimes.com/2016/08/27/us/north-dakota-oil-pipeline-battle-whos-fighting-and-why.html>

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Attachment:

1. Resolution In Solidarity With Indigenous Resistance to the Dakota Access Pipeline

Resolution #####

IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS RESISTANCE TO THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE

- WHEREAS, The proposed Dakota Access Pipeline would carry as many as 570,000 barrels of fracked crude oil per day for more than 1,100 miles from the Bakken oil fields of North Dakota to Illinois, passing over sensitive landscapes including treaty protected land containing recognized cultural resources and across or under 209 rivers, creeks, and tributaries including the pristine Missouri River, which provides drinking water and irrigates agricultural land in communities across the Midwest; and
- WHEREAS, Despite deep opposition from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, as well as farmers, scientists, more than 30 environmental advocacy groups, and other Tribal nations along the proposed route, and without proper Tribal consultation or meaningful environmental review as required by federal law, in July, 2016 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued a permit allowing construction of the fracked oil pipeline to move forward; and
- WHEREAS, In a show of monumental cooperation not seen in the 140 years since the Battle of the Greasy Grass or Custer's Last Stand, members of the Lakota Standing Rock Sioux Tribe have united with the Oceti Sakowin, the Seven Fires Council - which include the confederation of Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota Nations - and established a peaceful encampment in Cannon Ball, North Dakota known as the Sacred Stones Camp to resist the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline with a cultural and spiritual presence; and
- WHEREAS, On August 15, 2016 the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council led by Tribal Chairman David Archambault II called on Tribal nations and Indigenous people around the world to issue resolutions in support of the Standing Rock Sioux and the Sacred Stones Camp; and
- WHEREAS, We stand in support of the Indigenous opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline and we call on all residents of Berkeley to raise awareness about this important struggle for Indigenous sovereignty and environmental justice and to support the Sacred Stones Camp efforts in any way they can; and
- WHEREAS, The City of Berkeley understands the importance of recognizing the specific challenges facing the original inhabitants of this land and honoring their contributions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Berkeley, that we stand in support of the Indigenous opposition to the Dakota Access

Pipeline and we call on all residents of Berkeley to raise awareness about this important struggle for Indigenous sovereignty and environmental justice and to support the Sacred Stones Camp efforts to stop the Dakota Access Pipeline.