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### CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Subject: Expanding Berkeley's Hate Free Zone, and showing support for multiple communities feeling vulnerable and under attack.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution Expanding Berkeley's Hate Free Zone, and showing support for multiple communities feeling vulnerable and under attack, including but not limited to those who are Immigrants, Mexican, Arabic, Jewish, Muslim, Latino, Asian-American, African-American, Women, Disabled, and/or part of the LGTBQQIA communities.

#### BACKGROUND:

During the recent national election campaign numerous statements were made that created a climate of fear. Numerous communities have expressed deep concerns about their safety and the direction of our country.

If President-elect Trump enacts policies or Presidential Orders to execute any of his hateful messages, millions of minorities in Americans will face unprecedented persecution, particularly people of Arabic decent, Muslim faith, Asian-American, African-American, Women, Immigrants, Disabled, and LGTBQQIA.

Across the U.S. we saw hundreds of demonstrations to condemning the hate speech and hate behavior. According to the Berkeley Unified School District Official, about 1,500 Berkeley high students walked out of their classes to protest.

The City Council previously established Berkeley as a "Hate Free Zone" after September 11, 2001, when we saw a rise in violence toward Arab-Americans, Americans of Middle Eastern descent, American Muslims, and those perceived as Muslims.

Now we can build upon that foundation to extend our Hate Free Zone to all, and urge other states and cities across our Country to be "Hate Free Zones."

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Minimal

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:

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

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Attachment:

1. Resolution

ESTABLISH BERKELEY AS HATE FREE ZONE TO ELIMINATE RACISM AND  
DISCRIMINATION

WHEREAS, after a rise in violence and persecution resulting from the attacks of September 11, 2001, the City established Berkeley as a Hate-Free Zone for those of Arabic descent and of Muslim faith; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the agencies of the City of Berkeley to protect the inhabitants of this City and their civil rights; and

WHEREAS, President-elect Donald Trump ran a campaign on a message hate and bigotry which has caused numerous communities to express deep concerns about their safety and the direction of our country; and

WHEREAS, if President-elect Trump enacts policies or Presidential Orders to execute any of his hateful messages, millions of Americans will face unprecedented persecution, particularly people of Arabic decent, Muslim faith, Asian-American, African-American, Women, Immigrants, Disabled, and LGTBQQIA; and

WHEREAS, across the U.S. we saw hundreds of demonstrations to condemning the hate messages that Donald Trump expressed during his run for Presidency; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 1,500 Berkeley high students walked out of their classes to protest against the prospects of the new Trump administration.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Council oppose hate and bigotry by specifically adding the following communities to the Berkeley's Hate Free Zone include, but not limited, to Arabs, Muslims, Asian-American, African-American, Women, Immigrants, Disabled, and LGTBQQIA communities.

