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CONSENT CALENDAR  
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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Susan Wengraf and Cheryl Davila  
Subject: Support AB 1316 (Quirk and Weber) Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention

RECOMMENDATION

Send a letter to President pro Tempore Kevin de Leon, State Senator Nancy Skinner, and Assemblymembers Tony Thurmond, Bill Quirk and Shirley Weber in support of AB 1316 (Quirk and Weber), to require that all children in California be tested for lead exposure.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Minimal

BACKGROUND

Since the 1970s, federal and state policies banning the use of lead in gasoline and paint have resulted in a dramatic reduction in childhood lead exposure. However, legacy lead – in paint, plumbing, contaminated soil, water sources – means that children are still exposed to this toxic metal.

Lead has multiple toxic effects on the human body including decreased intelligence and physical development challenges.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) administers the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. Currently, the CDPH requires all children on publically supported programs to be tested at 12 months and 24 months. However, there are large gaps in children that may be exposed to lead but are not being tested. AB 1316 will require all children to have their blood lead levels screened. This will make sure that all children have access to health care services for lead exposure and will also help the state to better identify where there are lead exposure clusters.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

No adverse effect on the environment.

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**Attachments**

1: Support Letter for AB 1316 Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention

**Related materials**

[http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201720180AB1316](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB1316)

**RE: SUPPORT FOR AB 1316 (QUIRK AND WEBER) Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention**

Dear State Representative,

The Berkeley City Council writes in strong support of AB 1316 (Quirk and Weber) Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention which protects the health of all Californian children.

Since the 1970s, federal and state policies banning the use of lead in gasoline and paint have resulted in drastic reduction in childhood lead exposure. However, legacy lead – in paint, plumbing, contaminated soil, water sources – means that children are still exposed to this toxic metal

Lead has multiple toxic effects on the human body. Decreased intelligence and physical development challenges in children are among the more serious non-carcinogenic effects.

Although the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) administers the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program and requires all children on government assistance to have their blood tested for lead, at 12 and 24 months, there are large gaps in data of children that may be exposed to lead but are not being tested. AB 1316 will require all children to have their blood lead levels screened. This will make sure that all kids have access to health care services for lead exposure and will also help the state to better identify where there are lead exposure clusters

For these reasons, the Berkeley City Council strongly supports AB 1316 (Quirk and Weber) Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention. Thank you for your leadership on this matter.

Sincerely,  
Berkeley City Council

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