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CONSENT CALENDAR

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington and Mayor Arreguin
 Subject: Support SB 584 California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program

RECOMMENDATION

That Berkeley City Council send a letter to both State Senator Nancy Skinner and Assembly member Tony Thurmond urging them to vote yes on SB 584 California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program.

BACKGROUND

The California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program introduced by California Senate leader Kevin de Leon – would require the state to obtain 50% of its electricity from renewables by 2025, and 100% of its electricity from renewables in 2045. Senator Leon's ambitious policy challenges the current presidential administration, whose proposals clearly favor the fossil fuel industry. Furthermore, it builds on his original mandate requiring that half of California's electricity be derived from renewable energy sources by 2030.

There are multiple benefits which would result from enacting SB-584. First, it would aid in displacing fossil fuel consumption within the state, and would reduce air pollution and emissions of greenhouse gasses. This bill would help California meet the state's resource adequacy requirements and need for a diversified and balanced energy generation portfolio. There are just a few of the many unique benefits this bill could provide to California. Supporting this legislation will allow California to continue to lead in environmental policy and sustainability.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Minimal

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Consistent with environmental goals

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MORE INFORMATION

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB584

Dear Senator Nancy Skinner,

The Berkeley City Council requests your support for the California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program (SB 584).

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