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### CONSENT CALENDAR

April 25, 2017

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

Subject: Support SB 201 Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Berkeley City Council send a letter to State Senator Nancy Skinner thanking her for introducing SB 201, the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act, and Assembly member Tony Thurmond, asking him to support its passage.

#### BACKGROUND

Proposed by State Senator Nancy Skinner, SB 201, also known as The Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act, would allow students of the University of California to collectively bargain, join, and participate in the activities of employee organizations of their own choosing for the purpose of representation. Undergraduate Students within the University of California are vulnerable to the exploitation of their status; SB 201 would be a significant boost to unionization efforts at Berkeley and throughout the UC system.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Minimal

#### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

No Negative impact

#### MORE INFORMATION

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201720180SB201](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB201)

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Dear Senator Nancy Skinner,

The Berkeley City Council thanks you for introducing SB 201, the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act.

Students often face exploitation within the University of California due to their status as part-time employees. Allowing students to bargain collectively gives them a voice to negotiate with their employer for fair and equal treatment, which all people deserve.

Respectfully,  
Berkeley City Council

Dear Assembly member Tony Thurmond,

The Berkeley City Council requests your support for SB 201, the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act.

Students often face exploitation within the University of California due to their status as part time employees. Allowing students to bargain collectively further gives them a voice to negotiate with their employer for fair and equal treatment, which all people deserve.

Respectfully,  
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