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CONSENT CALENDAR

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To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
 From: Councilmembers Kriss Worthington, Kate Harrison, and Susan Wengraf
 Subject: Budget Referral: Increase Berkeley Project's funding by \$5,000

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council refer to the budget process a \$5,000 increase to the annual budget for the Berkeley Project.

BACKGROUND:

The Berkeley Project hosts one large-scale community service event every semester during which over 1,500 volunteers work on various project sites throughout Berkeley. The goal is to permanently change the relationship between the students and residents of Berkeley through hands-on community service.

Currently, the project receives \$27,000 a year, which covers many facets of motivating and coordinating 1,500 volunteers. Although the amount is appreciated, it does not adequately cover the costs of putting on such a large event. As a result, the project does not now have enough funds to put on a service day next semester, scheduled for Fall 2017. If the Berkeley Project receives additional funds, the money will be used to put on a successful event as well as sustained long-term projects for volunteers who are interested in making a longer commitment. There are also supplies and tools that need to be replaced.

The group has been putting on a service day every semester since 2006 and the project has grown over the years. The effort is an excellent way to improve relations between the city, Cal, and the community.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

\$5,000 a year to fund the Berkeley Project.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:

Consistent with Berkeley's Environmental Sustainability Goals.

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