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CONSENT CALENDAR
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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmembers Susan Wengraf, Sophie Hahn, and Lori Droste
Subject: Referral to the Budget Process: Funding for Street Lighting

RECOMMENDATION:

Refer to the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Budget Process an allocation of \$50,000 for neighborhood street lighting.

BACKGROUND:

Currently there are no funds allocated for improving street lighting on streets in our neighborhoods. \$50,000, 50% of the City's previous allocation toward street lighting, will restore funding for new street lights. Our public safety officials emphatically state that there is a correlation between crime and lack of lighting. In general, Berkeley is not well lit, sometimes complicated by trees blocking the path of light to the sidewalk. As we encourage people to walk, we must also ensure that they are safe by providing sufficient lighting to pedestrian walkways.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

\$50,000 allocation for street lighting.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:

Improving lighting will encourage walking, rather than driving; an essential element to achieving the goals of our CAP.

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