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CONSENT CALENDAR  
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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
 From: Councilmembers Kriss Worthington and Kate Harrison  
 Subject: City sponsorship of a screening of “Hate Man” documentary at a city park, facility or another local venue.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City co-sponsor a community screening of “Hate Man,” which is a short documentary celebrating the life and philosophy of a beloved Berkeley resident who passed away this April at age 80.

BACKGROUND

Mark Hawthorne, better known as “Hate Man” was a colorful Berkeley figure who spent more than three decades living on the streets, primarily Berkeley’s People’s Park. Hate Man created a personal philosophy he called “oppositonality,” which centered on bringing people’s differences out into the open to avoid negative conflict. To do so, “Hate Man” would often shout “I Hate You” to passersby as a way of engaging them and initiated a nightly “hate camp” at Sproul Plaza where attendees could release their animosity. Hawthorne was a reporter for the New York Times before dropping out, moving to the West Coast and embarking on his new lifestyle. He died on April 2, 2017.

The screening could be held a local museum, community center or another venue, as a way to pay tribute to Hate Man and his eclectic message of love and acceptance.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Minimal

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Consistent with Berkeley’s environmental sustainability goals

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