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**AMENDMENT**  
**ACTION CALENDAR**  
November 28, 2017

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

Subject: Amendment to Add Prior Council Referral to “Ministerial Approval of Zoning-Compliant Affordable Housing” Council Item

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

To once again refer the prior referral from 2016 as an amendment to the “Ministerial Approval of Zoning-Compliant Affordable Housing” Council Item by Councilmember Droste to facilitate a larger number of affordable units moving forward. This Council Item was passed on January 19, 2016 and was referred to the City Manager. This is meant to be an addition to this item, not replace it.

This item would allow a larger number of affordable units to move forward more expeditiously, and we are proposing that both of these move forward together.

### **BACKGROUND:**

See attached.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** Minimal.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:**

Consistent with Berkeley’s Environmental Sustainability Goals and no negative impact.

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### ACTION CALENDAR

January 19, 2016

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington  
Subject: City Manager Referral: Streamline the Permit Process for Housing  
Projects with a Majority or More Affordable Units

#### RECOMMENDATION

Refer to City Manager to create an ordinance that will streamline the permit process for housing projects with a majority or more affordable units if it includes at least 20 percent of units at 50% AMI, after consideration of Austin and Santa Fe policies and policies proposed in San Francisco

#### BACKGROUND

Berkeley is at a crossroads. Housing costs are at an all-time high and the displacement of communities of color continues at an alarming rate.

The City must utilize all of its tools to cut red tape and facilitate the development of desperately needed affordable housing units for low-income and middle-class families. A very important and simple tool that Council can use is to create an ordinance to simplify the establishment process of housing projects with a majority or more affordable units. This simple action would reduce the administrative burden on developers seeking to build affordable housing in Berkeley. San Francisco recently introduced a similar proposal.

Austin, Texas has streamlined through a Safe, Mixed Income, Affordable, Reasonably priced, and Transit Oriented policy. Santa Fe has accelerated the permit process for projects that include at least 25 percent affordable housing. San Francisco Supervisor s are considering legislation for certain affordable housing projects to not require conditional use permits. This proposal is intended to reduce the amount of time and money spent on acquiring various conditional use authorizations in San Francisco. The San Francisco Ordinance would amend the Planning Code to permit affordable housing as a principal use in the public zoning district and not requiring a conditional use permit for affordable housing in other zoning districts, except in RH (Residential, House) zoning districts and on designated public open space or property under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department. For more information:

<http://tinyurl.com/ReduceRedTape>

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