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CONSENT CALENDAR

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmembers Kriss Worthington, Ben Bartlett, and Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Subject: Referral to the City Manager & the Housing Commission to consider creating a dedicated revenue stream from campus area projects to fund housing for homeless and extremely low income students, and drafting a letter encouraging exploration of University funding streams for student housing

RECOMMENDATION:

Referral to the City Manager & the Housing Commission to consider creating a dedicated revenue stream from campus area projects to fund housing for homeless and extremely low income students, and drafting a letter encouraging exploration of University funding streams for student housing.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, there is a separate process in motion, both through the City and the University to establish “student housing for all students” to address the student housing shortage in Berkeley.

In an effort to get more student housing built, especially for extremely low income and homeless students, we seek to explore dedicated revenue streams to satisfy the housing needs for students most affected by the student housing crisis.

The Housing Commission is the logical place to talk about housing for homeless students and extremely low income students and explore the following options

- Creating a dedicated revenue stream from campus area projects to fund affordable student housing units provided by Berkeley Student Cooperative or other nonprofits, with a special priority for housing homeless students
- Creating a dedicated revenue stream from campus area projects to fund housing for homeless students temporarily or permanently, winter break housing, and emergency housing protocol implementation.
- Drafting a letter to U.C. President and UCB Chancellor encouraging exploration of University funding streams for student housing particularly for homeless or low income students. Potential funding could include revenue bonds, requesting

regent consideration of lifting debt limit, and establishing a Joint Power Authority for creating affordable student housing.

- Consider recommending methods of identifying eligible students based on one or more of the following criteria: EOP, FAFSA, Pell Grant, Work Study qualified, family income or other verifiable status.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Minimal

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:

Multiple Climate Action Plan goals would be achieved if this is implemented.

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