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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington, Linda Maio, Sophie Hahn, and Kate Harrison

Subject: City Manager Referral: Improving the City's Elevator Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

Referral to the City Manager and Commission on Disability to improve the City's Elevator Ordinance by addressing the concerns of the disabled community.

BACKGROUND:

Members of the disabled community have expressed that the present elevator ordinance is inadequate. This inadequacy is illustrated by the long history of alleged malfunctions in buildings. These malfunctions frequently prevent residents who are disabled from leaving their buildings. Repairs are often delayed for too long a time.

Therefore, we strongly request that the City Manager and the Disability Commission work to revise the City's Elevator Ordinance to create a more accessible and safe living environment for residents who are disabled. Some possible revisions may include imposing fines for not repairing/replacing elevators within a reasonable timeframe, consistently monitoring building elevators to ensure they are working, and/or tenants receiving a rent reduction.

Re-visioning the Elevator Ordinance would allow more residents to live in safe and accessible environment.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Minimal.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:

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

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