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Councilmember, District 8

CONSENT CALENDAR
March 27, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Lori Droste and Mayor Arreguín

Subject: Street Sweeping Improvement Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

Refer to the City Manager, Public Works commission, and Zero Waste commission to develop a new strategy to ensure that street sweeping is not obstructed by waste/recycling pick-up. In addition to being unsightly, without proper street sweeping, trash and debris are more likely to go into the stormwater drains. Specifically,

- Staff should provide a map of streets in which sweeping days and waste/recycling pickup coincide to better understand where and when this problem occurs.
- Staff and Commissions should return to Council with a proposed solution including, but not limited to, rescheduling street sweeping and waste/recycling pickups to ensure that both services do not occur on the same day.

BACKGROUND:

Some Berkeley residents live on streets where street sweeping and waste/recycling collection occur on the same day. Residents on these streets (e.g. 3000 block of Hillegass, 2900 block of Russell) have reported that either waste and/or recycling bins are frequently left in the street after collection, blocking parts of the street from being swept. (See Attachment 1).

Though protocol for refuse collection, recycling, and street sweeping includes placing bins back on the curb once they have been emptied, bins are still sometimes left on the street. Several attempts to reiterate this protocol with Public Works staff and Recycling Center staff have been made.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:

Ensuring that streets are fully swept will prevent trash and debris from going into the stormwater drain, polluting the environment, and potentially damaging the storm drain infrastructure.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Significant staff time

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Attachment 1:



