



Councilmember Ben Bartlett  
City of Berkeley, District 3

CONSENT CALENDAR  
May 1, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Ben Bartlett, Councilmember Cheryl Davila, Councilmember Kate Harrison

Subject: Resolution in Support of SB 1421

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution that recognizes and demonstrates our full support of the California State Senate Bill 1421 authored by Assemblymember Nancy Skinner, that aims to create transparency in law enforcement, increasing trust between police and the communities they serve.

BACKGROUND

Nancy Skinner, the California state senator who represents Berkeley, has introduced a bill that would make available records related to officer use of force, on the job sexual assault or job-related dishonesty available to hiring agencies and the public. In doing so, Assemblymember Skinner hopes to prevent officers who have abused their position of power from hopping from agency-to-agency, never having to contend with the consequences of a record of abuse.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Consistent with the City's climate and environmental goals.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

None

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AB931

WHEREAS, under the current law, potential employers and the public do not have access to substantiated reports of officer misconduct; and

WHEREAS, California has some of the most secretive confidentiality laws in regards to law enforcement records; and

WHEREAS, the law as it stands has created distrust between law enforcement and communities; and

WHEREAS, we must create a system that holds our law enforcement accountable to both the community and future employers; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that we pledge our full support of AB 1421 as written by State Senator Nancy Skinner.