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ACTION CALENDAR

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington, Mayor Jesse Arreguin
 Subject: Support SB 1227 - Encouraging the Creation of More Student Housing

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council support SB 1227, introduced by Senator Nancy Skinner, which seeks to increase student housing and remove vehicular parking ratio requirements in developments consisting of full-time university/college students.

BACKGROUND:

The student housing crisis plaguing the City of Berkeley is among the worst in the nation. A shortage of accessible and affordable student housing has created a litany of unnecessary problems ranging from inflated rents to homelessness. SB 1227 seeks to remedy the dire state of the housing crisis by amending existing Density Bonus Law. The bill seeks to increase student housing for new developments intended for full-time students at an accredited institution of higher education, such as UC Berkeley. The bill also aims to remove city vehicular parking ratio requirements for developments consisting only of students. Furthermore, the bill seeks to maintain affordability requirements for 55 years. In addition, we urge the authors of the bill to introduce amendments that would allow cities that go beyond the 35% density bonuses to also have a streamlined process for creating more student housing. These amendments are intended to increase the affordability and accessibility of new student housing throughout the state.

For more information:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB1227

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Minimal.

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

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