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ACTION CALENDAR

JULY 24, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington
 Subject: Resolution referring the expanded National Night Out to the City Manager

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopting a Resolution to refer the campus-city National Night Out event to the City Manager to help reduce crime in the campus area.

BACKGROUND:

The frequency of violent crimes such as armed robbery and sexual assault necessitate preventative measures to keep students and others safe. National Night Out (NNO) is a crime prevention initiative supported by both the City and University that aims to raise awareness about crime and protective measures. In order to see the best results, the City, University faculty and staff, student groups, neighborhood associations, and merchants' associations have to come together to help solve this problem by educating students with the aim of preventing violent crimes.

Every August, National Night Out events across the country bring the community and Police together to build a better relationship. The Berkeley Police Department, Fire Department, City Manager's office, and other city resources join the community to raise awareness and spur action about crime prevention.

However, the campus area has historically not participated in the NNO events because students, faculty, and staff are often on break in August. In order to reduce crime around the campus area, the city would host a campus specific NNO event in the beginning of the University's fall semester. Hosting this event at the beginning of the school year will give students a chance to take advantage of the opportunities the event provides.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Minimal.

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

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed National Night Out Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.
ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL NIGHT OUT FOR THE UNIVERSITY
AND THE CITY OF BERKELEY

WHEREAS, National Night Out has become an annual event in Berkeley that provides a unique opportunity for the City of Berkeley to join forces with thousands of other communities across the country in promoting efforts to combat crime; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that all residents and students of the City of Berkeley be aware of the NNO crime prevention program and recognize the impact that their participation can have on reducing crime, drug use, and violence in Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, cooperation between the police and the community, neighborhood safety, and safety awareness are important themes of the "National Night Out" program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Berkeley that it hereby establishes a National Night Out event in association with both University and the City of Berkeley and refers the event to the City Manager.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage and adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Berkeley City Council on **July 24, 2018** by the following vote

Ayes

Noes

Absent

Attest

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Jesse Arreguin, Mayor