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CONSENT CALENDAR

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington and Councilmember Kate Harrison
 Subject: Endorsement of Peralta Colleges Ballot Measures E and G on the November 2018 ballot

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council endorse the Measure E and G ballot measures supporting Peralta Colleges for the November 2018 ballot.

BACKGROUND:

The Peralta Community College Board authorized Measure E, further known as the “Peralta Colleges Education Renewal Measure” and Measure G, further known as the “Peralta Colleges Upgrades Measure” to appear on the November 2018 ballot.

Measure E shall authorize the Peralta Community College District (the District) to extend the parcel tax for eight years until 2028 by imposing a total of \$48 in taxes per parcel annually each year between July 2020 and June 2028. The qualified special tax shall be used to support tutoring services and core academic programs such as math, science, and English that help prepare students for university transfer and successful careers.

Measure G shall authorize the District to issue and sell bonds of up to \$800 million to provide financing for specific school facilities projects, which help upgrade, repair, and construct classrooms, laboratories, and other aging sites of the Peralta college campuses. In addition, the measure will allow the District to qualify for receiving matching grant funds from the State of California. Proceeds from the sale of bonds shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school facilities.

Our community has thousands of students that rely on our local Community Colleges—Oakland’s Laney and Merritt Colleges, College of Alameda, and Berkeley City College—because these colleges provide affordable opportunities for students to transfer to 4-year universities and receive specialized job training for successful careers. To ensure that these opportunities remain accessible to the students of Berkeley, the Council should endorse Measure E and Measure G.

Measure E will invest more funding into in-demand academic programs that save students thousands of dollars and retain high-quality faculty who prepare students future success. Measure G will improve accessibility and upgrade aging school facilities that are essential

for a safer learning environment for our students, teachers, and community. We must continue investing in the Peralta Colleges to ensure that students continue to have access to high-quality and affordable education and specialized job training.

Link to text of Measure E:

https://www.acvote.org/acvote-assets/02_election_information/PDFs/20181106/en/Measures/01%20-%20Measure%20E%20-%20Peralta%20Community%20College%20District.pdf

Link to text of Measure G:

https://www.acvote.org/acvote-assets/02_election_information/PDFs/20181106/en/Measures/02%20-%20Measure%20G%20-%20Peralta%20Community%20College%20District.pdf

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Minimal.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:

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

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