To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: Kelly Wallace, Interim Director, Health, Housing & Community Services
Subject: Contract: Alameda County Public Health Department, Office of Dental Health to Provide Dental Services to the Berkeley Unified School District

RECOMMENDATION
Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to execute a contract and any amendments or extensions with Alameda County in an amount not to exceed $159,000 to provide dental services in Berkeley Unified School District for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION
Funding for this contract is in the approved biennial FY 20/21 budgets. The annual contract amount is $53,000 budgeted in General Ledger Code 011-51-506-559-2073-000-451-636110. The contract has been entered into the City’s Contract Management System and assigned CMS No. D5Z73.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS
Research increasingly shows that although dental caries (tooth decay) are largely preventable, tooth decay remains the most common chronic disease of children aged six to 11 years. Nationally, children of racial and ethnic minority groups have twice as much untreated decay in their permanent teeth, but only receive about half as many dental sealants, as non-minority children.

Through this collaboration with Alameda County, the City’s Oral Health program provides school-based preventive treatments for elementary-school aged children, increasing the number of children receiving fluoride, sealants and oral health screenings. City of Berkeley staff coordinates follow-up for those children at highest risk who are currently uninsured or unconnected to a dental health provider but in need of care. There is a direct relationship between the children served and City’s work in addressing health inequities.

BACKGROUND
The City of Berkeley Public Health Division’s Oral Health Program has provided dental health services, outreach and education, in partnership with Alameda County Public Health Department, Office of Dental Health and Berkeley Unified School District for the
past eighteen years. This contract makes possible the provision of dental screenings, free dental sealants, and preventive dental education for third grade students in BUSD and, where necessary, referral and linkages to dental appointments and health insurance.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION
By engaging in this agreement with Alameda County, we assure that children in Berkeley Public Elementary Schools have access to these oral health preventive resources.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED
This service is essential to the Public Health Division’s mission and goals. The Public Health Division does not have adequate resources or technical expertise to deliver these services directly. The alternative action of not working with Alameda County to deliver these services is that children would not receive these preventive services.

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Attachments:
1: Resolution
RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT: ALAMEDA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF DENTAL HEALTH FOR ORAL HEALTH SERVICES TO BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, dental decay is one of the most prevalent and untreated diseases of children and it remains the most common chronic disease of children aged 6 to 11 years (25%) and children of racial and ethnic minority groups have twice as much untreated decay in their permanent teeth; and

WHEREAS, the number of elementary aged children receiving sealants and fluoride treatments in Berkeley Unified elementary schools has been steadily increasing since the COB School-Based Oral Health program began; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has authorized a sole source contract with the Alameda County Public Health Department since 2000 due to the Department’s existing relations for providing dental health services, outreach and education to schools within the Berkeley Unified School District as well as their working knowledge of program and state requirements for the provision of these services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley Department of Health, Housing & Community Services works to promote healthy environments and behaviors, protect residents from disease, and prevent illness, disability, and premature death; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley Department of Health, Housing & Community Services seeks to eliminate health inequities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager or her designee is hereby authorized to execute a sole source contract with Alameda County, and any amendments or extensions thereto, in an amount not to exceed $159,000 ($53,000 annual), to provide dental services in Berkeley Unified School District for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022. General Ledger Code 011-51-506-559-2073-000-451-636110 (Expenditure). CMS No. D5Z73. A record signature copy of said contract shall be on file in the office of the City Clerk.