



Councilmember Ben Bartlett  
District 3

CONSENT CALENDAR  
April 25 2017

To: Honorable Members of the City Council

From: Councilmembers Ben Bartlett and Sophie Hahn, Mayor Arreguin, and Councilmember Wengraf

Subject: Support AB 946 Resist the Wall Act

RECOMMENDATION

That Berkeley City Council send a letter to State Assembly member Tony Thurmond and Senator Nancy Skinner urging them to vote Yes on AB 946, Resist the Wall Act.

BACKGROUND

Introduced by Assemblymembers Phil Ting, Lorena Fletcher, and Eduardo Garcia, AB 946, also known as Resist the Wall Act, requires the two largest state pension funds to divest from companies involved with constructing the president's US-Mexico Border Wall. Berkeley, being the first city to divest from any companies involved with its construction, welcomes any state legislation further discouraging commerce with businesses that traffic in hate rather than inclusivity. Immigration is part of California's history and we should do everything we can to oppose discrimination and xenophobia. The Berkeley City Council supports the state of California's bold stance against hate and walls.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Minimal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

No negative impact.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://a19.asmdc.org/sites/a19.asmdc.org/files/pdf/AB%20946%20A-Rules%20amends%20031317.pdf>

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Attachment:

1: Letter to Senator Skinner and Assemblymember Thurmond  
Dear Senator Nancy Skinner,

The Berkeley City Council requests your support for the Resist The Wall Act (AB 946) proposed by Assemblymembers Phil Ting, Lorena Fletcher and Eduardo Garcia. AB 946 requires state pension funds to divest from companies involved with the construction of the President's US-Mexico border wall. Berkeley became the first city in the nation to divest from companies involved in or supporting the wall. We are highly supportive of any state-level legislation that takes similar action. Immigration is part of California's history and we should do everything we can to ensure that we are defending our values by fighting against hatred, discrimination, and xenophobia.

Respectfully,  
The Berkeley City Council

Dear Assemblymember Tony Thurmond,

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