



Councilmember Ben Bartlett
District 3

CONSENT CALENDAR
January 24, 2017

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Ben Bartlett & Councilmember Kriss Worthington & Councilmember Cheryl Davila
Subject: Budget Referral: "Berkeley Inclusion in Opportunity Index" - Request Availability Study to Achieve Equity in City Contracting

RECOMMENDATION

Refer to the 2016-2017 budget an allocation to perform an Availability Study to analyze the City's use of local, small, emerging enterprises and other enterprises with barriers to access in City construction, architecture, engineering, professional services, goods and other services contracts.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Minimal costs and staff time.

BACKGROUND

The City of Berkeley and its residents have a longstanding commitment to diversity and to advancing the development of local businesses. Part of this commitment is to ensure that the City's procurement activities allow for contracting opportunities to be accessible to the entire local business community.

The purpose of an Availability Study would therefore be to examine the City's procurement activities and identify disparities in the awarding of contracts affecting local, small, emerging business enterprises and other enterprises with barriers to access. To the extent that disparities in the awarding of contracts exist, the City of Berkeley should undertake equity oriented remedies in its contracting practices. Alameda County and the City of Oakland have both performed Availability Studies, which allows these municipal entities to consider additional factors when awarding contracts and engage in more socially responsible contracting.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

This proposal is aligned with the City's goal for Environmental Sustainability.

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