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CONSENT CALENDAR

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington

Subject: Proclamation Honoring Halcyon Neighborhood Association on the 20th
Anniversary of Its Creation

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a proclamation honoring Halcyon Neighborhood Association on the 20th anniversary of its creation.

BACKGROUND

In 1992, neighbors at a block party in the Halcyon neighborhood first discussed their ideas for improving the neighborhood, including creating a park out of what was then a parking lot. This led to the creation of Halcyon Neighborhood Association and the dedication of Halcyon Commons in 1996. HNA is still in operation today, and will be celebrating its 20th year anniversary with a block party similar to the first one, this time in Halcyon Commons.

Throughout its twenty years, HNA has practiced a nonpartisan approach to neighborhood organizing that has led to community building, disaster preparedness, crime watch, greening, and information-sharing efforts. HNA and the creation of Halcyon Commons have served as a model for community building throughout the city and the City of Berkeley should honor the important work of this organization.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

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Attached:

1. Proclamation Honoring Halcyon Neighborhood Association

In Honor of Halcyon Neighborhood Association on the 20th Anniversary of its creation

WHEREAS, in 1992, the desire to create a park in what was then a parking lot led to the birth of Halcyon Neighborhood Association (HNA) and the birth of a new identity for the Halcyon neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, a core group of neighborhood leaders — Nancy Carleton, Susan Hunter, Michael Lamb, John Steere, and Bruce Wicinas — formed a Steering Committee to give birth to HNA; and

WHEREAS, under the continuing leadership of HNA Co-Chairs John Steere and Nancy Carleton, subsequent Steering Committee members have played an important role in keeping HNA vital and active for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, HNA has consistently practiced a nonpartisan approach to neighborhood organizing that has encouraged participation from hundreds of neighbors across Berkeley’s political spectrum, making possible exemplary community building, disaster preparedness, crime watch, greening, and information-sharing efforts, including the often-emulated HNA E-News; and

WHEREAS, HNA and Halcyon Commons have thus served as models for other neighborhood and greening efforts in the City of Berkeley through positively organized community collaboration and partnership,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Berkeley City Council gratefully acknowledges **Halcyon Neighborhood Association and the neighbors who created** and have sustained it through the years, for their extraordinary service on behalf of building community and improving quality of life in this South Berkeley neighborhood.

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