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

Subject: UCLA's National Dream University (NDU)

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution supporting a petition to be sent to UCLA President Robert Block and UC Mark Yudof to reauthorize the National Dream University (NDU).

BACKGROUND

The UCLA Center for Labor Research and Education and the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) affiliated National Labor College co-founded a program to develop online classes focused on teaching undocumented students about immigrant's rights and labor activism. Nevertheless, the National Dream University did not receive the needed approvals from UCLA's faculty and administrators, and the program was shut down.

The program was initially set to begin in January, of 2013 offering a one-year online program for 35 undocumented students from across the country at an affordable rate.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

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Attachment:

- 1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

REAUTHORIZATION OF THE NATIONAL DREAM UNIVERSITY (NDU)

WHEREAS, in July 2012, the UCLA Center for Labor Research and Education and the National Labor College in Maryland (NLC) announced they would establish the National Dream University (NDU) to educate students from across the nation, regardless of immigration status and regardless of their state of residence; and

WHEREAS, undocumented immigrant students are currently banned from receiving federal financial aid, from receiving in state tuition rates or financial aid in most states, and from attending top public universities in some states such as Georgia; and

WHEREAS, NDU stands of the principal set by California with last year's passage of the California DREAM Act that education is a right to all students, with and without papers; and

WHEREAS, on Sept 14, UCLA and UC President Mark Yudof announced they were cancelling the National Dream University.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City supports the reauthorization of NDU and the Berkeley City Council reaffirms its support for the passage of the Federal DREAM Act so that undocumented immigrant students have an equal right to gain citizenship and access financial aid.