Commission on the Status of Women

CONSENT CALENDAR
January 29, 2013

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Commission on the Status of Women

Submitted By: Yelda Mesbah Bartlett, Chairperson, Commission on the Status of Women

Subject: Additional 2013 Meeting for the Commission on the Status of Women

RECOMMENDATION

Approve an additional meeting in calendar year 2013 for the Commission on the Status of Women in preparation for the 22nd Bi-Annual Outstanding Women of Berkeley Awards.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

An additional Commission meeting will incur minimal costs estimated at $225 including staff time (facility monitor), facility rental and postage. Budget code: 010-4101-440.50-10.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Council authorizes the Commission on the Status of Women to meet four times per calendar year. In addition to the ongoing work of the Commission, this year the Commission will require an additional (fifth) meeting to review applications and prepare for the 22nd Bi-Annual Outstanding Women of Berkeley Awards scheduled for spring 2013.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting on December 5, 2012, the Commission on the Status of Women unanimously adopted the following recommendation:

To request an additional meeting for calendar year 2013 in order to prepare for the 22nd Bi-Annual Outstanding Women of Berkeley Awards event.

M/S/C: (Nelson/Bartlett)

Ayes: Ares, Bartlett, Dahlbacka, Droste, Nelson, Williams-Bloom

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Calloway-Hanauer, Murphy (excused), Sakashita.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION
The Commission on the Status of Women is eager to begin planning for the 22nd Bi-Annual Outstanding Women of Berkeley Awards event (spring, 2013). The extra meeting, in addition to Subcommittee work, is necessary to provide the Commission an opportunity to meet and plan for this event.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED
Without an additional meeting authorized in calendar year 2013, the Commission cannot adequately plan for the 22nd Bi-Annual Outstanding Women of Berkeley Awards event, scheduled for spring 2013.

CITY MANAGER
The City Manager concurs with this recommendation.

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