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

Subject: Referral to City Manager: Conduct an Investigation or Review of the
 Telegraph Food Truck Vendors' Concerns

RECOMMENDATION:

Request that the City Manager provide clarification by doing an investigation or review of the Telegraph food truck vendors' belief that they would be allowed to return to their initial location at Telegraph and Bancroft and to clarify the agreements set forth during meetings between City staff and the vendors.

BACKGROUND:

On December 13, 2012, the three food truck vendors located outside of UC Berkeley campus on Telegraph and Bancroft were given notice that they had two days to cease all operations and vacate the area due to the Lower Sproul project construction. The three vendors, Dojo Dog, Dim Sum Truck, and Healthy Heavenly Foods, suddenly found themselves without a place to do business.

The Mayor and City Council considered a referral to the City Manager regarding the relocation of the food trucks, which passed on March 19. The City Manager found that College and Bancroft would serve as a viable temporary location for the food trucks to operate.

City staff met with the vendors several times. During these meetings, the food truck vendors were under the impression that they would be able to return to their original permitted location at Telegraph and Bancroft. The food truck vendors have also requested that their permits be extended to make up for the time lost due to their relocation. There seems to be a clear misunderstanding and the vendors have requested an investigation to clarify what was agreed upon and to come to a common understanding.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

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