



CITY COUNCIL  
Linda Maio

CONSENT CALENDAR  
March 11, 2014

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
FROM: Councilmembers Linda Maio and Darryl Moore  
SUBJECT: Expansion of Permit Parking to Impacted Areas

RECOMMENDATION:

Refer to the City Manager the expansion of Residential Permit Parking to impacted areas beyond “The Donut,” an expansion that is sensitive to the mix of uses that are both residential and commercial, such as exist in West Berkeley.

BACKGROUND:

As intensification of commercial uses grows in West Berkeley, residential neighbors who have no off-street parking find themselves in a hardship situation. They are unable to park near enough to their homes to manage groceries and children, or disability needs. Employees of commercial uses who commute park all day on these streets. Given that many of the properties for both residential and commercial are historic and lack on-site parking, street parking becomes highly competitive. Residents I have heard from are sensitive to the fact that they live in a mixed use area and know the businesses need parking as well. Some have suggested that they can “share the block” and have at least half be residential permit parking. This matter will ultimately go to the Transportation Commission but is being referred to the City Manager, as the first step is to conduct appropriate studies for implementing permit parking.

What follows are excerpts from an email that is typical of those I have been receiving:

*Ms. Maio,*

*I have lived on Cedar Street between 5th and 6th, since 1981. During this time I have seen many positive changes in our neighborhood, and a few that are not so great. Perhaps the most noticeable and constant problems are traffic and parking. Many of my neighbors have no driveways at all, and often find it impossible to park in front of, or even near their homes. This presents special difficulties for the elderly, the handicapped, and those with young children.*

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Staff time to identify impacted areas and appropriate studies.

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