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

Subject: City of Berkeley Endorses Alameda County Measure A: Essential Health Care Services Initiative

RECOMMENDATION
Support the renewal of Alameda County Measure A: Essential Health Care Services Initiative.

BACKGROUND
"Measure A, the Essential Health Care Services Initiative, was adopted by Alameda County voters in March 2004. The Measure authorized the County of Alameda to raise its sales tax by one-half cent in order to provide for additional financial support for emergency medical, hospital inpatient, outpatient, public health, mental health and substance abuse services to indigent, low-income, and uninsured adults, children, families, seniors and other residents of Alameda County.

The Measure has generated approximately $100 million annually. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the proceeds are transferred directly to the Alameda County Medical Center and 25% of the proceeds are allocated by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors (BOS) based on demonstrated need and the County's commitment to a geographically dispersed network of providers. Since the passage of Measure A, the BOS has approved base allocations in four broad categories including: Public Health, Behavioral Health, Administration/Indigent Health, and Board of Supervisors Discretionary Accounts."

The above information is a brief summary from the Alameda County website: https://www.acgov.org/health/indigent/measureA.htm

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:
No violations will be made against the "Environmental Sustainability" section. Under Section G and the environmental sustainability goals, this initiative will help maintain an environmentally-sound information technology infrastructure by streamlining access to Health Care services to the residents of Alameda County. Providing more financial support for these programs will not only help to maintain these services, but will also ensure advancement and growth in making these programs more environmentally-sound.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
NONE.

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