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CONSENT CALENDAR
March 25, 2014

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

Subject: Commission on the Status of Women Recommendations for Outstanding Women in Berkeley Event

RECOMMENDATION
Officially approve the Outstanding Women awards given on March 11, 2014 by the Commission on the Status of Women to: Diane Davenport and Sayre Van Young (joint award); Diana E. H. Russell, Ph.D; Kris Perry and Sandy Stier (joint award); Dr. Marilyn P. Wong, MD; Maia Sciupac; and Title IX.

BACKGROUND
The Commission on the Status of Women's mission is to "seek improvement of all conditions affecting women and advocates women's issues." According to the Berkeley Daily Planet, the City Council established the Committee on Violence Against Women in 1978 in response to a rapist nicknamed "Stinky." From this Committee, a citywide policy on domestic violence and the Commission on the Status of Women came about.

To commemorate National Women's History Month, the Commission on the Status of Women recognized and honored the efforts of extraordinary women who live, work or learn in Berkeley, and who have done outstanding work in the Berkeley community, especially those who may be under-recognized for their work or are unconventionally successful. Awardees were selected through a competitive nomination process and represent a wide range of achievements and contributions.

The event was held at the Downtown Library on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, at 6 p.m. The event was open to the public and encouraged all Berkeley community members to join in celebration of the achievements of this outstanding group of women:

* Diane Davenport & Sayre Van Young (joint award)
* Diana E. H. Russell, Ph.D.
* Kris Perry & Sandy Stier (joint award)
* Dr. Marilyn P. Wong, MD
* Maia Sciupac

Outstanding Organization:

* Title IX

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The event was located at the Downtown Library which is accessible by transit, bicycle, and walking. It is near the BART stations and AC Transit bus stops. There are bike racks near the proximity of the building for secure bicycle storage. The library provides recycling and composting bins to minimize solid waste.

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