

CONSENT CALENDAR
July 23, 2002

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Maudelle Shirek
Subject: Resolution that the Berkeley City Council Opposes the Height Initiative which will be on the city ballot this November

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council pass this resolution opposing the height initiative.

BACKGROUND:

The height initiative would severely limit buildable heights in the City of Berkeley, thus making the construction of housing, particularly affordable housing, extremely difficult. Limiting the development of the highest and best uses of available land is contrary to good City Planning policy and also contradicts the goals of our City's General Plan. The initiative would make housing our population, particularly those most in need - seniors, the disabled, the working class and even many middle income people - almost impossible. Furthermore, it would drive already high housing costs, beyond the limits of the overwhelming majority of our population.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

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