

CONSENT CALENDAR

Date:

12-10-02

To: Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

From: Councilmembers Dona Spring and Kriss Worthington

Subject: PROCLAMATION HONORING THE CONTRIBUTION OF  
SUSAN HAGEN AND THE NEW SCHOOL OF BERKELEY  
TO CHILDCARE

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Council pass the attached proclamation honoring the contribution of Susan Hagen and The New School of Berkeley to childcare.

**BACKGROUND:** On December 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a celebration of Susan Hagen and The New School. The attached proclamation will be presented at the celebration.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** NONE

**CONTACT PERSONS:** Councilmembers Dona Spring 981-7140 and Kriss Worthington 981-7170

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WHEREAS The New School has pioneered in the team teaching and open classroom models, with an emphasis on maximum freedom and choice for each child, within the limits of responsibility; and

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WHEREAS The New School has been in the nutritional vanguard in promoting organic produce, meatless snacks, whole grains and foods without sugar or artificial preservatives or colors; and

WHEREAS The New School has embraced conflict resolution, peace education, multiculturalism, social justice and human rights; and

WHEREAS The New School has engaged in activities ranging from international solidarity with sister childcare centers and earthquake relief in the Americas, to protests against nuclear testing and toxic playground structures in Berkeley, to rallies for peace and against war in Iraq; and

WHEREAS for more than 35 years, New School Director Susan Hagen has been a leader in the areas of childhood development, peace education, nutrition, innovative curriculum and social justice and has overseen a staff of committed, gentle, intelligent and creative individuals,

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REVISED AGENDA ITEM (only change is 35 to 25 in last whereas clause.)

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