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CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Subject: SUPPORT FOR CPR (CLARITY, PRIORITY, RESPONSIBILITY) PLAN FOR TELEGRAPH AVENUE, CREATING A CLEAR POLICY BROCHURE TO ADDRESS QUESTIONS OF WHAT LAWS PROHIBIT AND PERMIT COMMITTING SUFFICIENT BERKELEY POLICE DEPT. STAFFING TO THE TELEGRAPH AREA, REQUEST U.C. TO RESTORE STAFFING TO THE TELEGRAPH AREA PATROL, AND RESTORING COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY TEAM STAFFING AS NEEDED.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Berkeley City Council supports the CPR plan for Telegraph Avenue creating a clear policy brochure to address questions of what laws prohibit and permit, committing sufficient Berkeley Police Dept. staffing to the Telegraph area, request U.C. to restore staffing to the Telegraph Area patrol, and restoring Community Health and Safety Team staffing as needed.

BACKGROUND:

Although the public did not factually know the details about the U.C.P.D. dramatic reduction of coverage of Telegraph and BPD's also somewhat reduced coverage, complaints started to come in about insufficient inattention to Telegraph. The Daily Cal, Daily Planet, and the Berkeley Voice then did stories revealing the details of reduced coverage.

We do not want to over-emphasize the situation. However, we cannot underestimate the importance of maintaining the appropriate balance of attention from the Police, Health and Human Services, Public Works, and community groups.

For a considerable period of time we had achieved a mostly successful balance of our various efforts and had received compliments for the improved situation. Now we must renew our commitment and provide clear information to everyone.

Different individuals have expressed different interpretations about what laws exist and when and how they can be applied. A brochure that clarifies what the laws and details are could help avoid confusion and misunderstandings.

This is a follow-up on discussions we have already had with the city manager and police chief.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

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