



CITY COUNCIL

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Councilmember District 1

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

December 14, 2004

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Councilmember Linda Maio

**SUBJECT:** Presentation by Poki Namkung on the *Oakland/Berkeley Asthma Hospitalization Report*.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Schedule a presentation with Poki Namkung to discuss and answer questions about the *Oakland/Berkeley Asthma Hospitalization Report* prepared by the Oakland Berkeley Asthma Coalition.

**BACKGROUND:**

The control of asthma requires broad collaboration to reduce its impact on communities. The Oakland Berkeley Asthma Coalition (OBAC) has recently performed an analysis of hospital admission data for the years 1998 to 2000. The results of this analysis and OBAC's conclusions about the inequities in the burden of asthma faced by many of our residents are provided in their recently published study, *Oakland/Berkeley Asthma Hospitalization Report*.

The Oakland Berkeley Asthma Coalition is a group of concerned agencies joined together to address the environmental, clinical, and educational issues facing families trying to manage asthma effectively. Their mission is to work collaboratively to reduce the impact of asthma through public health leadership, advocacy, education, equal access to culturally appropriate and effective health care, and an improved environment.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

None.

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