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CONSENT CALENDAR

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To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington

Subject: Oppose anti-union ballot measure in special election

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Berkeley City Council oppose anti-union ballot measure in the special election, which prohibits public employee labor organizations from using dues or fees for political contributions unless the employee provides prior consent each year on a specified written form.

BACKGROUND:

1084. (SA05RF0009)

Public Employee Union Dues. Required Employee Consent for Political Contributions. Initiative Statute.

Proponent: Lewis K. Uhler (916) 786-9400

Prohibits public employee labor organizations from using dues or fees for political contributions unless the employee provides prior consent each year on a specified written form. Prohibition does not apply to dues or fees collected for charitable organizations, health care insurance, or other purposes directly benefiting the public employee. Requires labor organizations to maintain and submit to the Fair Political Practices Commission records concerning individual employees' and organizations' political contributions; those records are not subject to public disclosure. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Probably minor state and local government implementation costs, potentially offset in part by revenues from fines and/or fees

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

NONE.

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