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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 MID TERM reapportionment ballot measure in special election

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Berkeley City Council opposes MID TERM reapportionment ballot measure in special election, which amends the state Constitution's process for redistricting California's Senate, Assembly, Congressional and Board of Equalization districts.

BACKGROUND:

1072. (SA04RF0037, Amdt. #1-NS)

Reapportionment. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

*Proponents: Edward J. (Ted) Costa, Dr. Arthur Laffer, Major General Sidney S. Novaresi (USAF)
Ret., Jimmie Johnson (916) 482-6175*

Amends state Constitution's process for redistricting California's Senate, Assembly, Congressional and Board of Equalization districts. Requires three-member panel of retired judges, selected by legislative leaders, to adopt new redistricting plan if measure passes and again after each national census. Panel must consider legislative, public proposals/comments and hold public hearings. Redistricting plan becomes effective immediately when adopted by judges' panel and filed with Secretary of State. If voters subsequently reject redistricting plan, process repeats. Specifies time for judicial review of adopted redistricting plan; if plan fails to conform to requirements, court may order new plan. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: This measure would have the following major fiscal impact: One-time state redistricting costs, probably totaling a few million dollars. Comparable savings for each redistricting effort after 2010 (once every ten years).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

NONE.

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