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### CONSENT CALENDAR

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## Amendment to # 4 and/or #7

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington

Subject: Reaffirmation of City of Berkeley commitment to meet veterans groups' building space requirements as included in the Alameda County General Services Agency report allowing the transfer of the Veterans Building to the City of Berkeley.

### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Berkeley City Council reaffirm the City's commitment to meet the legal and moral obligations to veterans groups' building space requirements as included in the Alameda County General Services Agency report ( see attached two page report) allowing the transfer of the Veterans Building to the City of Berkeley, specifically including allowing ongoing FREE use in perpetuity of the single room office on the south face of the building, and shared use of the first floor conference room. Other issues such as the eventual seismic retrofit and possible building uses and improvements shall be discussed between the City Manager and the Veterans' organizations.

### BACKGROUND:

Disabled American Veterans received a letter informing them that the City of Berkeley anticipates requiring them to pay the City for costs associated with the building starting July 1, 2006, and also taking away three parking spaces effective June 1, 2005. Before these proposed changes, the Veterans have already been denied use of most of the space they were legally entitled to, due in part to the seismic safety issues at the building, and City has taken away the ready use of the large meeting room by giving its use to another organization.

Given that the Veterans have contributed so much to our city, our country and our world, we should not add insult to injury by further depriving them of the limited use of the building they are accustomed to, since I believe they are legally and morally entitled to more.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Cheaper than a lawsuit or a guilty conscience

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