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### ACTION CALENDAR

November 29, 2005

To: Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington

Subject: Closing the  $4 + 4 = 4$  loophole which is being used to avoid building affordable housing by defining up to four units as live work and up to four units as rental, thereby circumventing the requirement that if you build five units, one should be affordable.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Berkeley City Council refer to the Planning Commission to consider whatever policy or policies are needed for **closing the  $4 + 4 = 4$  loophole which is being used to avoid building affordable housing** by defining up to four units as live work and up to four units as rental, thereby circumventing the important public priority of the inclusionary requirement that if you build five or more units, twenty percent should be affordable.

#### BACKGROUND:

Affordable Housing is one of the most talked-about priorities for the people of Berkeley. The City has adopted an Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance in order to attempt to meet some of the need.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Planning Commission and Planning Staff time

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