



CONSENT CALENDAR
February 7, 2006

MAX ANDERSON
Councilmember
District 3

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Anderson

Subject: Ashby BART Station Grant Proposal

RECOMMENDATION

Reaffirm Resolution No. 63,146-N.S. to seek a planning grant from Caltrans for potential residential and commercial development at the west parking lot of the Ashby BART station.

BACKGROUND

It is City of Berkeley policy, as documented in the Berkeley General Plan, to pursue residential and commercial development potential on the West parking lot of the Ashby BART station.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION:

None.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. -N.S.

AFFIRMING RESOLUTION NO. 63,146-N.S. APPROVING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT PROPOSAL TO FUND CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT IN PLANNING POTENTIAL RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT ON THE WEST PARKING LOT OF THE ASHBY BART STATION

WHEREAS, no specific number of residential units in any potential development has been established and it should be part of the planning process to recommend that number to Council; and

WHEREAS, any affordable housing in the potential development would be truly affordable, defined as Low Income, or Very Low Income, by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development standards for households making no more than 80% or 50%, respectively, of the Area Median Income; and

WHEREAS, this Council specifically excludes pursuit of a Transit Village District (as delineated in Assembly Bill 3152, the Transit Village Development Planning Act of 1994), excludes designation of a Redevelopment Area, and excludes exercise of eminent domain as part of any potential development at the Ashby BART station West parking lot; and

WHEREAS, it is City of Berkeley policy, as documented in the Berkeley General Plan, to pursue residential and commercial development potential on the West parking lot of the Ashby BART station.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on December 13, 2005, this Council voted to approve submission of a grant proposal to fund citizen involvement in planning potential residential and commercial development. In response to numerous citizen concerns regarding the grant proposal, this Council affirms the above.