

CONSENT CALENDAR
July 11, 2006

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Dona Spring

Subject: Adopt a Resolution in Support of Fair Labor Practices

RECOMMENDATION: that the Council adopt a resolution requesting that the Berkeley Bowl and other Berkeley businesses support fair labor practices and refer to the city manager a request that city staff work with community members and union members to create an ordinance that will encourage the hiring of community members for jobs with fair labor standards.

BACKGROUND: The Berkeley community is in strong support of worker rights and fair treatment. The City Council in response has passed many resolutions in support of campaigns for worker benefits and attempts to form unions to achieve these benefits and protections that it

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

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Resolution in support of Fair Labor Practices in the City of Berkeley

WHEREAS, The Berkeley community is in strong support of workers rights and their ability to achieve just compensation and benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley City Council is supportive of fair labor practices, having passed many resolutions in support of employees right to organize and work toward protecting fair benefits and salaries; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley City Council supports the Berkeley Bowl employees current and future attempts to achieve fair labor practices such as maintaining their employment and achieving industry standards for salaries and benefits.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Berkeley does hereby request that the Berkeley Bowl and other Berkeley businesses support fair labor practices and refer to the city manager a request that city staff work with community members and union members to create an ordinance that will encourage the retention of current employees and hiring of community members for new jobs with fair labor standards.