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CONSENT CALENDAR

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington

Subject: Support And Commitment Of Funds For A Campus Neighborhood Watch Program

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Berkeley City Council commit matching funding (\$7,500) to support the Cal Campus Neighborhood Watch Program.

BACKGROUND:

Due to high rates in property crimes around the UC Berkeley campus, the Associated Students of the University of California has established the Cal Neighborhood Watch Program. Currently, the program is running on a \$6,000 budget, and is seeking mutual support from the City to increase visibility and vigilance in the Southside and surrounding campus areas.

The Cal Neighborhood Watch Program seeks to

- Enhance communication between student and on-student residents to improve the safety and security of the local community.
- Educate members of the community how to effectively prevent crimes both inside and outside of the home.
- Strengthen the bonds between local community members, UC student residents and local law enforcement agencies and affiliates.
- Incorporate RSSP, UCPD, BPD, the City of Berkeley, Cal Greeks, University Student Cooperative Association and other neighborhood watch groups.

The Cal Neighborhood Watch Program will also serve as an opportunity for collaboration between neighboring Southside residents and student residents in hopes that cooperation among these groups will foster a safer residential and commercial area as well as a more communicative relationship among neighbors.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

NONE

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