

Supplemental for #21

RESOLUTION NO. -N.S.

CONFIRMING THE YEAR 2006 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOLANO AVENUE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID), THEREBY LEVYING AN ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE SOLANO AVENUE BID FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2007

WHEREAS, the Solano Avenue Business Improvement District (BID) Advisory Board submitted an Annual Report to the Berkeley City Council that outlined the activities of the District proposed for the year 2007 as required by California Streets and Highways Code Section 36533; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2006, the Berkeley City Council adopted a Resolution of Intent which approved the Annual Report, declared its intent to levy assessments on businesses located within the boundaries of the District, and set a public hearing for December 5, 2006, where interested persons may be heard for or against the levying of the assessment; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk published the Resolution of Intent in a local newspaper of general circulation in compliance with necessary public notice requirements; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held allowing all interested parties to speak on the matter; and

WHEREAS, there have been protests by a large number of business owners in the District collectively representing a large number of businesses; although not representing collectively 50 percent or more of the assessment proposed to be levied, and

WHEREAS, the leadership of the opponents to the assessment has indicated to staff they would like to retain the BID but have the Council reduce the assessment in the coming year to zero so as to give time to the merchants to reassess their economic development goals, objectives and priorities and develop a new proposal and work plan for the following year.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Berkeley that the Solano Avenue BID Annual Report for the year 2006 as submitted to the City Clerk by the Solano Avenue BID Advisory Board is confirmed, and the City declines to levy an annual assessment for the Solano Avenue BID for calendar year 2007.