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CONSENT CALENDAR

February 13, 2007

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington

Subject: Referral to the mid-year budget process funding for the Berkeley World Music Weekend

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Berkeley City Council refer to the mid-year budget process, funding for the Berkeley World Music Weekend.

BACKGROUND:

The Berkeley World Music Weekend (formerly the Berkeley Jazz Festival and the Berkeley World Music Festival) has been the Telegraph Avenue neighborhood's premiere community and cultural event. This year, the fourth annual Berkeley World Music Weekend will be held June 2nd and 3rd, from noon until 9:00 pm. The event features over two dozen performers spread throughout the Telegraph Avenue area in cafes and stores and alongside streets, reflecting the diversity of the areas residents, students, workers, and over 200 merchants. Founded several years ago by Telegraph Avenue area community members, the World Music Weekend has become a living legacy of the area and has successfully drawn countless fans and observers to the area each year.

The Berkeley World Music Weekend has requested an additional \$5,500 to cover costs of expanding and improving this cherished experience. Thanks to the outstanding efforts of the Berkeley World Music Weekend organizer, we have an opportunity to make this year's event truly spectacular.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

\$5,500

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