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### CONSENT CALENDAR

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington

Subject: Programs at Willard Park Clubhouse

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Berkeley City Council refer to the city Manager to evaluate the feasibility of installing a youth program or other City or non-profit program in the Willard Park Clubhouse.

#### BACKGROUND:

Willard Park is a well-used community resource. It has historically provided community space and recreational resources for the surrounding Southside neighborhood. The park was previously the location for a City-run after school youth program. Since the removal of the youth program, problems have proliferated at or near the vacant clubhouse building. As we know when there are vacant apartment buildings or storefronts, the likelihood of nuisance behaviors rises dramatically.

This is no less true of the City building in its current location. If the City of Berkeley has a program that would fit in this space, this location could be as beneficial to the program as the program would be beneficial to the park. Additional activities during the day can often lead to a more welcoming park space. If the City does not currently have a program appropriate for this location, it should consider leasing the space to a community non-profit organization that might benefit from programming at the park.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Reduction in police resources being called to the location; possible increased revenue if the City rents the clubhouse to a community non-profit organization.

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