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### CONSENT CALENDAR

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington

Subject: Community Involved Policing for Telegraph Avenue

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Berkeley City Council refer to the City Manager the creation of a report evaluating funding and organizational changes needed to implement community-involved policing for the Telegraph Avenue Area including 1) creation of a foot patrol for Telegraph Avenue, 2) opportunities for assigned officers to initiate contact with businesses and residents, 3) designation of a cell phone or pager to provide prompt response from on-duty officers in the area, and 4) an estimate of any additional funding needed to implement community-involved policing for Telegraph.

#### BACKGROUND:

On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Telegraph Merchants Association sponsored a delegation from Berkeley visit and listen to a presentation from the San Francisco Police Department on their efforts to revitalize the Haight Street commercial district in San Francisco. The delegation included representatives from the Telegraph Merchants Association, Telegraph business owners, property owners, University representatives, members of the Telegraph Business Improvement District, Julie Sinai from Mayor Bates' office, and Amanda Bornstein from Councilmember Wozniak's office. Participants were impressed by the public safety tools used by the San Francisco Police Department.

The referral to the City Manager of the establishment of a community-involved policing program on Telegraph should include measures aimed at fostering closer relationships with area businesses and residents as well as improving response times. Because of the budget vote coming up late June, the Council should receive an estimate for the amount of additional funding necessary to implement this policing model for Telegraph.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None for referral. Additional funding uncertain.

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