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CONSENT CALENDAR

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Gordon Wozniak

Subject: Residential Preferential Parking Fee

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Council recommends the City Manager review the City of Berkeley's Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) fee to ensure that they are adequate to cover the costs of this ongoing program and report back to council in October 2007 with recommendations for possible fee increases.

BACKGROUND

The City's policy, in regard to programs like preferential parking, is that fees should cover all of the program costs. The fees for the RPP program were last set in June of 2003, four years ago. Since that time, staff costs and general inflation have increased the overall cost of the program. Thus it is appropriate that the City Manger review the total costs of managing this program and come back with recommendations for appropriate fees, to be implemented starting FY2008.

To ensure that the fees match the cost of the program, the City Manager should consider instituting an annual fee adjustment tied to a cost of living index.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

By annually setting the fees to match the cost of the program, the City will avoid having to use general fund money to subsidize the preferential parking program. There will be cost savings to the general fund, which are unknown at this time.

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