



CITY COUNCIL

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Councilmember District 2

CONSENT CALENDAR

June 12, 2007

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Darryl Moore

Subject: Budget Referral: Berkeley Youth Alternatives' Girls' Twilight Basketball

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Berkeley City Council refers \$45,000 to the FY2008-2009 budget process to maintain funding for Berkeley Youth Alternatives' Girls' Twilight Basketball.

BACKGROUND:

Organized sports for female youth in South and West Berkeley are few and far between, so the Girls' Twilight Basketball program at Berkeley Youth Alternatives (BYA) fills a very distinct and greatly needed niche. The program has over a hundred participants in the Bay Area, including forty-seven girls from Berkeley.

The Parks and Recreation Commission had concerns that the program's games were being played in Emeryville. The program budget has been cut drastically in recent history from \$68,000 to \$45,000 and the City was charging \$50 per hour to use James Kenney Gym, which was beyond their budget given the funding cuts. In response, the program had to collaborate with the City of Emeryville Parks & Recreation in order to have their fees waived for use of Emery High. Prior to the funding cuts the program provided two 12-week sessions, one in the fall and one in the spring. Each session consisted of a minimum of six hours a week of league play, one hour a week of workshop, and two hours a week of practice. It is the program's preference to be able to play in Berkeley and they have been able to find a reasonable rate with Berkeley Unified School District that may allow them to return to Berkeley for their league play.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

\$45,000

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