



Office of Councilmember  
**Max Anderson, District 3**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**  
 June 12, 2007

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**FROM:** Council Member Max Anderson

**SUBJECT:** Budget Referrals:2008 & 2009 Biennial Budget Process

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Request the City Manager develop a proposal and cost estimate to restore funding to (1) BOSS in the amount of \$49,434, (2) the South Berkeley Community Church in the amount of \$10,000, (3) the Berkeley Drop-In Center in the amount of \$13,683 and (4) YA/YA California in the amount of \$25,000 for FY 2008 and 2009 biennial budget deliberations.

**BACKGROUND:**

It is important to note that all programs affected not only use City dollars efficiently but they also leverage additional funding based on what they receive from the City.

The current proposed cuts from City funding provided to Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS) affect two programs that consists of approximately 42% of the total budget for the Multi-Agency Services Center and only 19% of the programs at Ursula Sherman Village including Harrison House. Both programs have adopted and are using an outcomes driven approach, responding to City's staff suggestion for more case management and increased emphasis on housing placement outcomes, especially for clients identified as long-term homeless according to HUD's definition of chronic homelessness.

The South Berkeley Community Church is solidly committed to provide the services of the programs recommended for funding by the Human Welfare & Community Action Commission, namely, the Emergency Hunger Program and the Children's Art and Dinner Project. The circumstances that negatively affected their programs have been brought under control with new management and new accounting procedures.

The Berkeley Drop-In Center (BDIC) is a client-run community center providing services and self-help resources to mental health clients in Berkeley. Management of BDIC is under the Alameda County Network of Mental Health Clients. In the first nine months of this contract year, BDIC provided a diverse array of services to almost 700 clients, many of whom have co-occurring substance abuse disorders as well as mental health problems. The typical BDIC client has already been to many other service providers and has been unable to work with many of them due to their mental health issues. Clients come to the South Berkeley facility voluntarily. BDIC provides programming for some of the most hard-to-serve clients in all of Berkeley. BDIC is a specialized

mental health service provider and they also serve as an important homeless service provider. BDIC offers unique and irreplaceable resources.

Young Aspirations/Young Artists (YA/YA) is a new youth jobs organization based in South Berkeley involving young people ages 16-25 in recycling wooden furniture and turning the furniture into fine art furniture to sell. YA/YA artists will also be involved in painting community murals and in teaching after-school art classes to elementary school children. YA/YA's summer arts furniture program begins June 25<sup>th</sup> and runs through August 10th at Berkeley Technology Academy. The program will continue in September for the 2007-08 school year.

YA/YA will serve as a vehicle for getting youth off our streets and street corners and into jobs. Youth involved in YA/YA's program will work toward fulfilling individual goals and objectives and will be strongly encouraged to reach for their highest educational goals--be it graduating from high school, getting a GED or getting into college.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

\$98,117.00

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