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### CONSENT CALENDAR

September 11, 2007

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington  
Subject: Proclamation Honoring Single Payer Health Care Advocates

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a proclamation honoring the many volunteers who worked hard to promote SB 840, the California Universal Healthcare Act.

#### BACKGROUND:

Over the past few months a group of dedicated volunteers have worked hard to mobilize public support for SB 840, the California Universal Healthcare Act, which would establish single payer health care in California. These volunteers have attended numerous events including screenings of the movie SiCKO to publicize the bill and to gain support for single payer health care. They have spoken to over 30,000 people during this time. The City of Berkeley has long been a supporter of single payer health care, and it is important to recognize the efforts of these people to help gain genuine health care reform in our state and our country.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

NONE

#### CONTACT PERSON:

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#### Attachments:

1. Proclamation

HONORING SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE ADVOCATES

**WHEREAS**, the current health care system in the United States is prohibitively expensive and does not provide adequate care; and

**WHEREAS**, despite this there are still many Californians who do not have any health care coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a critical need for universal healthcare coverage in California so that all people are insured; and

**WHEREAS**, advocates and lawmakers have specifically been advocating for a single payer healthcare model which provides health care from a single fund; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill (SB) 840 introduced by Senate Sheila Kuehl would create the California Healthcare System a single payer health care system, which will provide universal healthcare coverage to all California residents; and

**WHEREAS**, many people throughout the state have been advocating for passage of SB 840; and

**WHEREAS**, a group of local volunteers has been working to promote SB 840 through direct action, such as distributing flyers at SiCKO showings this summer and speaking with over 30,000 people regarding the legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, due to these efforts the bill has been moving forward through the state Legislature; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Berkeley City Council hereby thanks the many volunteers who advocated for Senate Bill 840, the California Universal Healthcare Act, which establishes single payer health care in the state and expresses its appreciation for their efforts in helping attain genuine health care reform.

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