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Councilmember District 6

CONSENT CALENDAR
November 27, 2007

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Betty Olds
Subject: Priority Permit Process for Green Buildings Initiative

RECOMMENDATION

Request that the City Council refer to the Planning Commission the concept of giving priority in the permit process to buildings that will use environmentally sound practices and return to the City Council with recommendations for standards of eligibility and a process that can be adopted by the Planning Department.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Unknown

BACKGROUND

In support of the goals of Measure G and in the interest of promoting the adoption of new technologies that will reduce the environmental impact of new construction and encourage sustainable building practices, I am proposing that the City of Berkeley provide an incentive to developers and homeowners. As an incentive for using environmentally sound practices including green construction and design methods and materials, builders would be eligible for a fast track or priority permitting process. All buildings, including single family, commercial, industrial, mixed use and multi-family should be eligible for this program.

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