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Councilmember District 1

CONSENT CALENDAR  
January 29, 2008

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Councilmembers Linda Maio and Max Anderson  
Subject: Permit Waiver and Parking Space Designation Request for Code Pink

#### RECOMMENDATION

Approve the waiver of a sound permit (\$36) every Wednesday from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm for the next six (6) months (February 6, 2008 - July 30, 2008) and designate one (1) parking space on Shattuck directly in front of the Military Recruiting Station at 64 Shattuck Square for Code Pink. It is recommended that Council approve the permanent tagging of the one parking spot and designate it with signage "No Parking from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm every Wednesday," for six (6) months from approval of this request, and that Code Pink be allowed permission for one table and chairs that may not obstruct the 10-foot access for public-right-of-way.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Staff to describe minimal type of permits required for all costs and associated cost.

#### BACKGROUND

Code Pink, a national anti-war grassroots organization, has been exercising their First Amendment right of free speech by holding small gatherings in front of the military recruiting storefront on Shattuck Square. They have a regular vigil of roughly 5 to 8 people on the sidewalk. They are requesting a parking permit for the space directly in front of the recruitment office and a sound permit for their occasional singing and speaking via using a small microphone (very low decibel).

City staff has designated this presence as a major event, which involves large fees and plans. It is true that a large contingent of pro-military people arrived for a counter demonstration one day, and that was a major event, but their regular vigil is small, as described above. This item asks that we take a practical approach by granting the one sound permit for Wednesday afternoon, and enable one parking place and table in front of the office.

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