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### CONSENT CALENDAR

January 25, 2011

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
 From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington  
 Councilmember Linda Maio  
 Councilmember Max Anderson  
 Councilmember Jesse Arreguin

Subject: Proclamation in Recognition of Irving Van Ford's Distinguished 100 Years of Life

#### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a proclamation recognizing and celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration of Irving Van Ford.

#### BACKGROUND

On Saturday, February 5, 2011, Irving Van Ford will be celebrating his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday at the North Berkeley Senior Center. The celebration will begin at 1 p.m.

Irving Van Ford was a pioneer in the East Bay African-American community. Mr. Ford moved from Monroe, Louisiana and moved to Berkeley where he bought a home in 1956. Mr. Ford worked in the Department of Defense for 18 years and became chief steward. He later worked for the Department of Forestry in the Berkeley office. In addition, as a chemist in the 1950s, Mr. Ford analyzed the stability of Vitamin A in Alfalfa and wrote over 15 papers on the subject.

Irving Van Ford is a lifelong public servant: having served in the Army, Department of Defense and Department of Forestry. Mr. Ford is a prominent person and important resource to the City of Berkeley and its residents.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

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**IN HONOR OF IRVING VAN FORD’S DISTINGUISHED 100 YEARS OF LIFE**

**WHEREAS,** Irving Van Ford has lived as a community role model for all communities in the East Bay and will be celebrating his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 5, 2011 at the North Berkeley Senior Center at 1p.m.; and

**WHEREAS,** Irving Van Ford is a lifelong public servant, having been an agricultural educator, Army Veteran, Department of Defense employee and Chief Steward, and had worked with Department of Forestry in Berkeley; and

**WHEREAS,** Irving Van Ford was a pioneer in the East Bay African-American community and along with his deceased wife, Sadie Ford, a very important member of the City of Berkeley since purchasing a home in Berkeley in 1956 and being a member of the Liberty Hill Baptist Church; and

**WHEREAS,** Irving Van Ford is a valuable resource for young people and has lived an upstanding and principled life.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that we, the Mayor and City Council of Berkeley, do hereby recognize and proclaim Irving Van Ford as a valuable and contributing member of Berkeley and the Bay Area community.

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Mayor Tom Bates

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Councilmember Max Anderson

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Councilmember Jesse Arreguin

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