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### ACTION CALENDAR

June 14, 2011

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
 From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington  
 Councilmember Darryl Moore

Subject: Referral: Warm Pool and All Four Pools Next Steps

### RECOMMENDATION

Refer to the City Manager consideration of:

- 1) Preparation of a report encompassing research into best practices at therapeutic Warm Pools and recommendations for a new Berkeley Warm Pool; and
- 2) Pre-bond planning for all pools, including project budgeting and graphic presentation.

### BACKGROUND

Willard Pool closed in 2010, and the Warm Pool is scheduled to close in late 2011. In June 2010, Measure C received 62.2 percent of the vote; this pools bond measure and parcel tax was also approved unanimously by the Council. Berkeley residents benefit considerably from the pools, and the Warm Pool is a lifeline for many disabled and elderly people. However, the decrepit conditions and limited facilities of the existing Warm Pool facility have limited the pool's potential. In order for Berkeley to consider making the investment to build a new Warm Pool, the Council and community need research and expert planning about the ways in which therapeutic Warm Pools can be designed with increased revenues, decreased operating subsidies and broadened community appeal. One option includes that the proposed Warm Pool research project could be carried out by a Bay Area expert in therapeutic Warm Pools who has supervised programming and budgeting at a successful Warm Pool.

The proposed planning report would encompass a detailed update of Measure C cost estimates, including value engineering and possible modifications to ensure maximum appeal to the community at minimum cost. The report would also include conceptual sketches of each pool site. One option includes that the proposed pre-bond planner could be an experienced project manager who has directed nearby municipal/school pools construction projects similar to those envisioned in Measure C.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Approximately \$25,000 per contract.

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