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CONSENT CALENDAR
May 7, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Vice Mayor Wengraf (Author), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor),
Councilmember Hahn (Co-Sponsor)

Subject: Budget Referral: \$70,000 to Evaluate Pedestrian Safety and Implement Solutions
on Euclid Avenue between Eunice Street and Bay View Place

RECOMMENDATION

Refer to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Process an allocation of \$70,000 to Evaluate Pedestrian Safety and Implement solutions on the short stretch of Euclid Ave between Eunice Ave and Bay View Place, including the crossings at Eunice and between Codornices Park and the Jane Hammond Field and the Berkeley Rose Garden and west side of Euclid.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

\$70,000

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Tens of thousands of people visit Berkeley's renowned Rose Garden and Codornices Park annually. The Rose Garden is a regional destination for visitors and a venue for weddings and prom photos as well as rose lovers. Codornices Park, across the street, is used by all ages for recreation including picnics, children's play, basketball, softball and summer camps. The new tennis courts at the Rose Garden are in constant use. This block is a hub of high activity and although the City has invested in improvements to the recreational facilities, no investment has been made to ensuring that pedestrians are safe as they use them.

In addition, the AC Transit bus runs along Euclid with a stop in each direction at the corner of Eunice Ave. Buses for private schools also use Euclid for pick up and drop off.

This narrow block of Euclid Ave between Eunice Ave and Bay View Place is 870 feet long and 36 feet wide, with cars parked on both sides of the street. Eager passengers, young and old, and drivers open car doors into oncoming traffic, causing cars to swerve into the oncoming lane and creating a very dangerous situation. Young children run across the street with limited sightlines of approaching vehicles. Drivers pay no attention to the crosswalks. Cars make turns onto Eunice without noticing pedestrians in the crosswalks. In the past nine months, three traffic calls have been reported to BPD about

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this block: a pedestrian was hit and sent to the hospital, a close call with a vehicle failing to yield to a pedestrian, and reckless driving. Pro-active measures must be taken to ensure the safety of the children and adults who frequent this area.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

Safe access to public spaces, especially parks, is healthy for Berkeley residents, visitors and the environment.

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