



Rashi Kesarwani  
Councilmember District 1

CONSENT CALENDAR  
July 9th, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Council Member Rashi Kesarwani, Vice Mayor Susan Wengraf, and  
Councilmember Kate Harrison  
Subject: City sponsored protest of conditions for children in federal detention centers.

RECOMMENDATION

Request Berkeley City Council support for a protest over conditions for children in federal detention centers at our southern borders. The protest will be held on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at noon in Civic Center Park.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Staff time for additional police presence.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

In alignment with our stated city goals of championing social and racial equity the Berkeley City Council should take a vocal stand against the Trump administration's policies that continue to have devastating physical and emotional effects on the immigrant children separated from their parents who have left their countries in search for better lives for their families.

BACKGROUND

Recent news reports indicate that the conditions for children at federal migration detention centers have only gotten worse. Children are suffering, becoming increasingly ill, and even dying. This is in addition to experiencing mental anguish from being separated from their parents. In the wake of the Trump administration's increased efforts to curtail migration into our country the Berkeley City Council needs to send a clear message that we find the current state of affairs unacceptable. We will not stand by silently while children suffer and immigrants are treated unfairly. The protest is planned for Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at noon in Civic Center Park

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

None.

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