



Recognizing the 2024 Berkeley High School Speech and Debate Team Champions

WHEREAS, Berkeley High Speech and Debate was established in 2008 and supports approximately 60 students each year, fostering a tradition of excellence and academic discourse within the school community and City of Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, participating in parliamentary debate, a dynamic form of discourse where teams of two engage in rigorous intellectual exchange on a variety of topics, with only 15-20 minutes preparation time per round; and

WHEREAS, the National Parliamentary Debate League Tournament of Champions, the pinnacle of high school parliamentary debate, featured the nation's top 65 teams, with Berkeley High emerging victorious in two of the last three years; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley High parliamentary debate program has achieved remarkable success, consistently ranking among the top in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley High students Jacob Goldman and Issac Grolnic-McClurg won the 2024 Tournament of Champions and Amber Safir and Zachary Yoo won the 2024 California State Championship, two victories signifying a historic milestone for Berkeley High School, as the first school to secure both titles in the same year; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, hard work, and camaraderie of the Berkeley High parliamentary debate program serve as a shining example of the school's commitment to academic excellence and intellectual growth.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Jesse Arreguin, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, do hereby celebrate and commend the Berkeley High School Parliamentary Debate Program for its outstanding achievements and contributions to the academic community and City of Berkeley.

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Mayor



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