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### CONSENT CALENDAR

June 22, 2004

To: Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington

Subject: SUPPORT RESOLUTION FOR BOOKS NOT BOMBS

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That the Berkeley City Council support resolution for books not bombs.

#### BACKGROUND:

This year \$28 million is requested to develop the Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator at Livermore and Los Alamos labs. Yet, two schools will close in Livermore in order to save \$1 million. The State of California is laying off teachers, and educational programs are being cut while \$6.6 billion tax payer dollars are requested for developing nuclear weapons.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

NONE

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WHEREAS, this year, \$28 million is requested to develop the Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator at Livermore and Los Alamos labs. Yet, two schools will close in Livermore in order to save \$1 million. The State of California is laying off teachers, and educational programs are being cut while \$6.6 billion tax payer dollars are requested for nuclear weapons work, more than during the cold war; and

WHEREAS, the continuation of Livermore Lab developing nuclear weapons causes great environmental impacts, and endangers the lives and health of the community. Livermore labs has already leaked over 1 million curies of air-borne radiation in the Bay Area, roughly equal to the amount released by the Hiroshima bomb; and

WHEREAS, on the 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States atomic bombings of the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, concerned citizens will gather at Livermore nuclear weapons lab, one of the primary facilities for nuclear weapons development in the world and protest the creation of these weapons of mass destruction and taking much needed school funding and resources for the making of these bombs; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley advocates that Livermore and Los Alamos labs stop the research and development of nuclear weapons, including new and "modified" nuclear weapons; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley advocates that the State of California stop these drastic cuts to public education, stop the escalating tuition fees, and invest our resources in education, not bombs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley advocates that the State of California expand jobs in civilian sciences. By diverting resources from government sponsored programs that build weapons of mass destruction, these jobs serve the public in a peaceful way and help bolster the economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley advocates that the University of California stop the research and development of nuclear weapons.