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Councilmember, District 4

CONSENT CALENDAR  
May 15, 2012

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmembers Susan Wengraf, Jesse Arreguín, Gordon Wozniak,  
and Mayor Tom Bates

Subject: Proclamation Honoring Edward Bennett

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached proclamation honoring Berkeley resident Edward Bennett for over 60 years of Environmental Activism.

BACKGROUND:

Edward Bennett moved to the City of Berkeley in 1949 to work at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. During his time at the Laboratory, he worked with a research group to study the impact that the environment has on the brain. His research has greatly impacted the medical and educational worlds. The same year that he moved to Berkeley, he became a member of the Sierra Club, and has remained a member until this very day. He has done environmental work and has held leadership positions for many years.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

CONTACT PERSON:

Susan Wengraf, Councilmember, District 6      981-7160

Attachments:

1. Proclamation

**RECOGNIZING AND HONORING EDWARD BENNETT FOR HIS  
LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT**

WHEREAS, Ed Bennett was born in Hood, Oregon more than 90 years ago, and

WHEREAS, the opportunity to work at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory brought Ed and his family to Berkeley in 1949 where he worked until he retired in 1987, and

WHEREAS, a love for the natural environment drew Ed into environmental efforts, primarily on Berkeley issues, and

WHEREAS, Ed was instrumental in the creation and transformation of the beautiful Caesar Chavez Park from what was once the Berkeley dump, and

WHEREAS, Edward Bennett served on the Sierra Club Chapter Executive board and over a span of thirty years was Chapter Chair, treasurer, and assistant treasurer and continues as a member of the Chapter Conservation and East Bay Public Land Committee, and

WHEREAS, Ed Bennett has served on the Executive Committee of Citizens for East Shore Parks for the past twenty-five years, and has worked to expand our East Bay shoreline parks, with trails and habitat restoration, running from the Bay Bridge to the Carquinez Bridge, and

WHEREAS, As a result of Ed's activism, perseverance and hard work the following environmental protection measures have been passed; Proposition 20, known as the Coastal Initiative, which protects most of the California Coastline; Proposition 70, the Wildlife, Coastal and Park Land Conservation Act of 1988 which provided \$25 million to help establish the East Bay Shoreline Park

THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED THAT THE BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL, recognizes and honors Edward Bennett for his environmental work in Berkeley, the San Francisco Bay Area and State of California.