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SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA MATERIAL for Supplemental Packet 1

Meeting Date: April 12, 2022

Item #: 40a.

Item Description: Fair Workweek Ordinance; Adding Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 13.110

Submitted by: Vice Mayor Harrison

Recommendation:

1. Delay Council consideration of the Fair Workweek Ordinance to a date certain: the May 24, 2022 Council meeting, to provide HHCS staff with additional time to consider staffing needs with regard to enforcement.
2. Submit to the June 2022 Budget Process of approximately \$104,863 in General Funds with additional benefits to hire another Community Development Project Coordinator to assist with enforcement of this ordinance and other labor laws and regulations.

Background:

Vice Mayor Harrison originally submitted this ordinance to the Labor Commission in 2018. Due Council consideration and enactment of this ordinance continues to be a top priority for workers within across the city, including within the City Departments.

While the pandemic has been extremely challenging for businesses, workers have also suffered greatly. Indeed, the fight for worker rights has received renewed attention during the pandemic and following high profile unionization efforts at Starbucks and Amazon. It is in the public interest for the City of Berkeley to finish the work its started in 2018 and finally stand in solidarity with part-time workers whose schedules are precarious and uncertain. The proposed Fair Work Week Ordinance, modelled on ordinances in neighboring cities and those across the nation, would bring predictability and added compensation to part-time workers.

Vice Mayor Harrison's office respectfully disagrees that this ordinance should be referred to a Council Policy Committee for up to another 120 days. This ordinance was already duly considered by the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Paid Family Leave and Fair Work Week in 2018. In addition, the Labor Commission considered the ordinance

closely for nearly four years and submitted its updated version of the ordinance for Council action.

In consulting with the Deputy City Manager and the Director of the Health, Housing & Community Services Department, it is prudent to delay consideration of the ordinance for one month to the May 24, 2022 Council meeting to provide staff with additional time to consider enforcement and staffing needs to effectively implement the ordinance. This compromise avoids further and unnecessary delays and provides workers and the community with timely consideration and possible action.

This supplemental also includes an initial budget referral to hire an additional Community Development Project Coordinator to assist with enforcement of this ordinance and other labor laws and regulations.