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### ACTION CALENDAR

September 29, 2015

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
 From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington

Subject: City Manager Referral: Creating an Animal Friendly Menu Policy for the Berkeley Animal Care Shelter at Official Sponsored Events

### RECOMMENDATION

Refer to the City Manager to examine the feasibility of creating an animal friendly menu policy for the Berkeley Animal Care Shelter at official sponsored events.

### BACKGROUND

Numerous animal care organizations in Northern California have endorsed and adopted the plant-based menu policy. These include: State Humane Society of California; the San Francisco SPCA; the Marin Humane Society; Humane Society Silicon Valley; Sacramento SPCA; Palo Alto Humane Society; East Bay SPCA in Oakland, CA; Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation in Walnut Creek, CA; and Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter.

The Berkeley Animal Care Shelter (BACS) has long been a safe haven for injured, rescued and neglected animals. The Humane Society of the United States launched a campaign to see that all Animal Shelter events, functions, or gatherings are animal friendly.

In the spirit of animal care, it is appropriate that Berkeley's Animal Care shelter support this national effort and examine the feasibility of adopting a policy which provides animal friendly menus at BACS officially sponsored events.

Many residents in Berkeley have begun this process by creating Change.org online petition named, "Please serve only animal-friendly menus at Berkeley Animal Care Services events." This petition has already received 511 signatures.

For More Information see:

1. Change.org Petition <http://tinyurl.com/BerkeleyAnimalFriendlyMenu>
2. Model Policies: <http://www.foodforthoughtcampaign.org/sample-policies.html>

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Minimal.

### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:

Consistent with Berkeley's Climate Action Plan.

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