



**ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE COMMISSION
DRAFT MINUTES
December 3, 2025**

OPENING ITEMS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Sarah Ranney, *District 1*, Councilmember Kesarwani
Alison LaBonte (Vice Chair), *District 2*, Councilmember Taplin
Brianna McGuire (Chair), *District 3*, Councilmember Bartlett
Daniel Tahara, *District 4*, Councilmember Tregub
Yasmin Mahmoudian, *District 5*, Councilmember O'Keefe
Les Guliasi, *District 6*, Councilmember Blackaby
Misha Kesselman, *District 7*, Councilmember Lunaparra
Kera Binns, *District 8*, Councilmember Humbert
Gwendy Brown, *Mayor*, Mayor Ishii
Mabel Athanasiou, *Youth Commissioner*
Shanza Syed, *Youth Commissioner*

The meeting was called to order at 6:02

Commissioners Present: LaBonte, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Guliasi, Kesselman, Binns, Brown, Athanasiou, Syed

Commissioner Leave of Absence: Ranney, McGuire

Commissioner Absent:

Staff: Sarah Moore, Rebecca Milliken, Kurt Hurley, David Lopez, Jeff Jensen

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Public comment (Non-Agenda Items):

1 member(s) of the Public
0 comments

Commissioner Athanasiou joined the meeting at 6:05pm

4. Approval of Minutes: Approval of Minutes from last meeting (October 29, 2025)

Motion/second to approve the October 29, 2025 Minutes (Mahmoudian, Binns). The motion carried: 7-0-1-3; **Ayes:** LaBonte, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Binns, Brown, Athanasiou, Syed. **Noes:** None. **Abstain:** Guliasi. **Absent:** Ranney, McGuire, Tahara

Commissioner Tahara joined the meeting at 6:06pm

5. Agenda Check:

6. Update from Vice Chair (Alison LaBonte)

7. Update from Staff (Sarah Moore, Rebecca Milliken)

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

8. Discussion & Action: Reach Codes Presentation (Kurt Hurley) [Public Comments: 1]

9. Discussion: 2026 Environment & Climate Workplan [Public Comments: 0]

Commissioner Guliasi exited the meeting at 7:53pm

COMMITTEE UPDATES & REPORTS

10. Workplan Ad Hoc Committee Updates [Public Comments: 0]

- a. Building Decarbonization (Ranney, McGuire, Tahara, Binns)
- b. Justice (LaBonte, McGuire, Syed)
- c. Community Outreach (Ranney, Binns, Athanasiou)
- d. Climate Emergency Preparedness (Ranney, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Syed)
- e. Data (LaBonte, McGuire, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Syed)

11. Commission Liaison Reports [Public Comments: 0]

- a. Planning Commission (Alison LaBonte)
- b. Transportation and Infrastructure Commission (Yasmin Mahmoudian)
- c. Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission (vacant)
- d. Zero Waste Commission (Mabel Athanasiou)
- e. Disaster and Fire Safety Commission (Les Guliasi)
- f. Housing Advisory Commission (Kera Binns)
- g. Council Policy Subcommittees (Brianna McGuire)
- h. Measure FF (Misha Kesselman)

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

12. Potential Items for Future Agenda [Public Comments: 0]

- a. Officer elections (Winter 2026)
- b. 2026 Workplan (Winter 2026)
- c. [General Plan](#): Disaster Preparedness & Safety Element, Environmental Justice Element, and climate metrics update (Winter/Spring 2026)
- d. Vision 2050+
- e. Cesar Chavez Landfill
- f. City efforts to develop and support relationships with Indigenous community
- g. Sun Day 2026 planning

COMMUNICATIONS

13. Public Communications

14. Commissioner Announcements

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second to adjourn at 8:03 pm (Tahara, Kesselman). The motion carried: 9-0-0-2;

Ayes: LaBonte, Tahara, Mahmoudian, Kesselman, Binns, Brown, Athanasiou, Syed.

Noes: None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Ranney, McGuire, Guliasi.

Minutes Approved:

Sarah Moore, Berkeley Environment & Climate Commission Secretary

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